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BAKER-BUTCHER CASE SATURDAY

Baker Forces Will Take Depositions Of Plaintiff

The opening chapter in the Butcher vs. Baker case will start Saturday when Baker's forces will take depositions of Mrs. Butcher.

Shaw and Yoder, her attorneys, are taking the case on a commission basis, it is claimed.

When seen today about the case, Mr. Baker said:

"Just another case. Attorneys like publicity and some like commission cases, but it will not be an easy one for them. Every person with any knowledge of cancer and its effects knows that many cases of cancer of the breast, swell the arms. Mrs. Butcher was in better condition when she left our hospital than when she came in, and she did not stay for our full treatment.

"It may be possible that a recent shooting scrap in which one near her was concerned has upset her some. I am told she never got in a real serious condition until she had an operation performed after she left us and after refusing to complete our treatment. Swelled arms after operations for breast cancer are very, very common. We had many such cases come to us from America's greatest specialists.

"The idea of infection from our injection work after tens of thousands of injections without one case of infection is ridiculous."

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

JOHNSON TALKS ON REPARATIONS

Senator Says Cost Only "Beer A Day" For Each German

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Reduced to ordinary terms, declared Senator Hiram Johnson (Rep., Cal.) in the senate Tuesday, the debts owed the United States by European nations are not an undue burden.

The annual payments amount to 2.7 per cent of the annual budgets of the countries involved, he said, equal to one-eighth of what they expend for armaments, and to 1.1 per cent of the total volume of their foreign trade.

The arguments that the trade of this country or that would go to pieces if the moratorium were not granted is, said the California senator, "just so much moonshine."

"Reduced to a per capita basis," he went on, each Englishman pays the United States the equivalent of \$3.60 a year on debt account. Each Frenchman transfers 80 cts a year! each Italian 12 cents a year. Each of us here receive, on an average, one-half cent a day on war debt account.

In other words, each German, under the terms of the Young plan, is called upon at present to sacrifice to the extent of one beer per day in order to meet his reparations payments.

"Each Britisher has to deprive himself of going to the movies once a month. Each Frenchman has to give up, over a year, one bottle of moderately good wine. Each Italian has to refuse to smoke one cigar a year so that his debt can be paid."

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Jail Inmate Freed Four Hours Daily To Sell Insurance

Jail sentences on the installment plan are in effect at New Philadelphia, O., where the judge has ordered the release of J. W. Starns from the Tuscarawah Jail for four hours every day to solicit insurance.

Starns, an insurance man, was jailed for inability to pay a fine of \$100 and costs levied for driving an automobile while intoxicated. The judge gave him leave to call on prospects every afternoon except Sunday.

CHRISTMAS IN JAIL FOR FALL

Board Will Not Act On Parole Until First Of Year

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall will spend Christmas in jail, despite efforts to have him paroled in time to spend the holiday at home.

Attorney General William D. Mitchell, following a long distance telephone call to a member of the parole board, announced Tuesday that action on the application for Fall's parole would be impossible before Jan. 1, as members of the board are in widely scattered sections of the country and cannot meet until after that time.

The attorney general also denied reports that a report on the Fall parole had been submitted to the President and was awaiting his action. Mr. Mitchell declared no such report has been delivered and "none has been asked for."

Sensors James Hamilton Lewis (Dem., Ill.) and Bronson Cutting (Rep., N. M.) called at the White House to inform the President that the former cabinet member was in "bad health," and to suggest that his parole be pushed through before Christmas. They pointed out to the President that Fall became eligible for parole on November 21.

Piano Movers and Hoist Required to Bury Chicago Man

A crew of piano movers and a special hoisting apparatus were used for the funeral and burial of Charles Rush, 49, of Chicago, whose weight was 632 pounds.

A specially constructed coffin, weighing 408 pounds, had been ordered before Rush's death. At the time of his funeral it was lifted with block and tackle from a large second-floor window of his home.

Governor Turner—Help! Help!

Iowa citizens are being arrested, released, bound and gagged, beaten, bombs thrown in homes, cut with a knife and taken to the country and thrown in the middle of the road.

We would not ask you for help, but we know you are for law enforcement because during the "Cow tail raising war in Iowa," you called out the troops and in defense of your doing so you said—

"We may as well recognize the fact that our competency in self-government can be accurately measured by our attitude toward maintenance of the laws of the land." "Disregard of law is the first step and a long step toward anarchy . . . Our people have proved their capacity for self-government in the past, but in different periods in our history we must go through what seem to be testing times. We are apparently going through such a period now. If sensible, sane reasoning marks the era there can be no doubt of the outcome."

Maybe you were right, but affairs in Iowa and over the country are such that the public are talking—no politician or officeholder so far has voiced any sane method of getting out of our trouble. This is causing grief, deaths, starvation, murder, robberies and making thieves out of honest men and women—some of our citizens are becoming incensed—others are taking to the halls and street corners airing their views—they are practicing "free speech" which the constitution gives them (except if they talk over radio) and in our fair state a crime, a shame has been committed—one that will never be erased.

We asked your help, all you can give, call out the militia if necessary—do anything to bring the guilty one to justice and teach them the "Bill of Rights."

We feel you are interested or should be in this grave offense

that was committed in Council Bluffs. Here's the story, according to an eyewitness and an investigator:

George Papcum and Gordon

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Doctors Find New Evidence Showing Booth Was Suicide

CHICAGO—A jury of prominent physicians have drafted a verdict adding to the evidence that John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln, rather than dying the ignoble death of a cornered fugitive, lived for years finally to perish by his own hand.

The verdict is the result of an investigation by Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, Chicago health commissioner, Dr. Edward Miloslavich, noted Milwaukee pathologist, and other men of science.

They have examined in the offices of Dr. Orlando F. Scott, alienist, the mummified body "owned" by a Chicago woman, of John St. Helen, who committed suicide in Oklahoma in 1903 after

twice "confessing" that he was John Wilkes Booth.

If that admission is true, then Booth's mummy has been carted around the country for years as a sideshow exhibit, and the body of an innocent man lies in Booth's grave in Baltimore.

The physicians, however, will not pass judgment on the mummy's identity, but will rest with statements of fact adduced through scientific means.

Dr. Miloslavich declared that he believed three points, of identification "have proved almost without doubt" that St. Helen was Booth.

He added that he was "very enthusiastic" over the results of:

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DISSOLUTION TO BE MADE JAN. 1

Five Doctors Decide That Independent Practice Best

The Muscatine Clinic consisting of Drs. E. K. Tyler, T. F. Beveridge, L. C. Howe, C. P. Phillips and W. W. Daut is no more.

This clinic has done more to destroy community things than any sect, group, creed or clique in the city, when it comes to taking money out of the town.

Clinics are generally organized by a few doctors in a community with the object naturally of making money. They sometimes install X-ray machines and act as "specialists." Many times these so called "specialists" are just ordinary doctors, who graduate with the other boys but use the word "specialists" to make it sound as though they know more than their brother doctors.

Many times the doctors in clinics are those who cannot go out and stand on their own merits—they feel that united we stand, divided we fall. Whatever may have been the case with the Muscatine Clinic, we do know that it was through some of its members that Muscatine lost its most valuable asset.

It was the same Dr. Howe of the Muscatine Clinic that lost his suit in the Legler case caused by a bad X-ray burn for which Mr. Legler was granted a \$20,000 judgement. Of course the clinic or doctor did not have to pay this because doctors know their liability and for about \$34.75 yearly they can get malpractice insurance.

It was a member of this clinic that first started the trouble with Norman Baker and the Baker Hospital. Baker was advertising that he knew a treatment that would cure cancer. He went to doctors in this city and asked them to start a hospital. All were scared of their license if they said anything about a cure for

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CHICAGO BANKER IS FOUND DEAD

Police Believe He Shot And Killed Self After Fight

CHICAGO—John Jacob Visser, 35 years old, vice president and trust officer of the Kimball Trust and Savings bank, was found slain Tuesday afternoon in his office on the third floor of the bank building at 3600 Fullerton avenue.

The police believe the bank officer had shot and killed himself after an unsuccessful attempt on his part to kill Antonius Van Worden, 67 years old, a retired business man, who had placed his property in trust and named Visser as his heir.

According to the police theory of the tragedy, Van Worden escaped after Visser had beaten him with a piece of gas pipe and shot him in the right cheek. Shortly after he staggered out of the private office of the banker another shot was heard. When bank employees rushed into the office they discovered Visser dead, with his pistol beside him. On the floor nearby was the gas pipe, wrapped in a green bordered towel.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We Wish You Our Best

In a few hours the big day will be with us—ushered in midst of one of the worst depressions any of us has seen for some time—many things seem to be wrong—to go wrong—but it is our wish that on this one big day, you and yours will find happiness, pleasure and your minds free of all worries.

That it finds you in the best of health, heart light and free and that the Christmas union of your family and friends will be one long remembered for the pleasure you derive from it.

May everything good be your just reward, is our best wish from the hearts of our entire staff, and our first thanks we want to go to you for your excellent co-operation during the past year, in reciprocation for which we shall endeavor to more than fulfill our duties to you in 1932.

Merry Christmas

"SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE FREE PRESS"

A PAGE OF BRIEFS FOR MUSCATINE READERS

Norman Baker



(HIMSELF)

"Hello Folks"

THANKS for the many nice Christmas cards, and here's for the best there is in Christmas for all of you—may it be a day you will never forget, chuck full of happiness, pleasures and health but I doubt if my wish would bring you the prosperity right now that I wish you had.

THE MORATORIUM — has brought much wrath upon the President's shoulders—well it should—just why we should cancel the debts of other nations, I cannot understand,—they don't like us—they poke fun at us—they say that if they ever get through paying to us—they will never start again—they continue to spend money building warships and making preparations for war—still they want us to cancel their debts so they can do more in that direction—NO—let them pay—a nation that contracts an obligation is like you or I—if we owe we must pay—why not them?—President Hoover should be investigated as well as others in the White House in an effort to ascertain just what transpired that made the combined foreign press give assurance to their people that the moratorium is simply an understanding with the administration here for passing the millions of indebtedness from their people to Americans—it bears investigation and President Hoover has done many things of that kind in the past that bears watching and investigation—He might have herded the Chinese slaves in his mining operations over there as some papers claim, but let us not permit him to make slaves of us.

LINCOLN said in substance— "He who will not investigate both sides of a question is DISHONEST"—I know lots of them that are dishonest—don't you?

HOOPER'S MESSAGE — It is quite late to talk about that now—but from all the editorial comment upon it, I do not find much enlightenment — the message was heard and read with deep disappointment by many, because of its confusing and muddy color—the President was clear, however, regarding federal relief for those in distress, declaring explicitly in opposition to direct or indirect government agents—in that the President is right, and is wrong—he is right when it comes to appropriating large sums of the people's money in a foolish effort to bring about good things — everybody is in debt, and does not have enough money to pay their debts, let alone buy things from the manufacturer—I may be called a "crank" in my version of the affair, but I still maintain that no one among the politicians, as yet, has even suggested a tentative plan that even shows common sense in taking us out of the depression — every one of them lose facts of one of the paramount things, and that is that one-third of the purchasing power of America is in the hands of the farmers—in order to utilize that purchasing power and get it started, the farmer must

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SCHMALZ FUNERAL RITES THURSDAY

Life Long Resident of Muscatine to Be Buried Here

Funeral services for Charles F. Schmalz, 67, lifelong resident of Muscatine who died Tuesday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Elmer Caple of Moline, will be held at 2:30 p. m. Thursday in Muscatine. The Rev. J. B. Rendall of the First Presbyterian church will officiate. Burial will be made in Greenwood cemetery.

He was born in Muscatine Oct. 18, 1864, and married Miss Sarah A. Pitchforth Dec. 3, 1890. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Muscatine club and the Muscatine Power Boat club.

Besides his widow he is survived by four children, Ralph Schmalz, C. E. Schmalz and Sanford Schmalz, all of Muscatine, and Mrs. Elmer Caple of Moline; one brother, Ferdinand Schmalz of Muscatine; and four sisters, Mrs. Louise Hacker of San Francisco, Mrs. Clara Stone of Cleveland, and Mrs. Adolph Liessing and Mrs. John Mittman, both of Muscatine.

The body was returned to Muscatine and taken to the Fairbanks Home for Funerals.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Griesenbrock Rites Conducted At Home

Final rites for Alexander Griesenbrock, 86, who died last Wednesday night, were held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the home, 203 West Eleventh street, with the Rev. Leland Leshner of the Grace Lutheran church officiating. Burial was made in Greenwood cemetery.

Local Night Club Owner Bound Over

Waiving a preliminary hearing on a charge of maintaining a liquor nuisance, Earl Duncan was bound over to the grand jury Monday afternoon by Judge H. D. Horst under \$1,000 bonds, which he furnished. He was arrested Saturday night by a police and sheriff squad after a raid on his home and night club had netted approximately six gallons of alleged liquor.

Man Sentenced for Resisting Officer

Elmer Zimmerman was fined \$5 and costs on a charge of disturbing the peace and sentenced to serve 15 days in jail on a charge of resisting an officer Monday afternoon by Judge H. D. Horst. He was arrested Saturday night by Officer Harry Eads, who charged that Zimmerman assaulted him after being arrested for disturbing the peace.

Eagle Open House Draws Large Crowd

Approximately 500 were in attendance Thursday night at the open house of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in their hall on East Second street. Music was provided throughout the evening by the Muscatine Concert band and radio and vaudeville entertainers from Davenport and Moline offered several acts and novelty numbers. Miss Virginia Brown of Muscatine, accompanied by Miss Virginia Eichenauer at the piano, sang several selections.

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Taylor Is Chariman In Safety Contest

Mark Taylor, chief of police, has been named chairman of the committee in charge of Muscatine's participation during 1932 in a nation wide traffic safety contest being organized by the National Safety council. The title of "America's Safest City" will be awarded the winner of the contest. Muscatine will be classified with cities of 25,000 or less in population.

When the young sons never forget to attend the furnace.

Congress Hears Of Postal Savings Bank In Muscatine

Huge Sum Deposited Here By 59 During Run On Local Banks

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Special)—The Postmaster General informed Congress in a special report, that 59 people in Muscatine, deposited the huge sum of \$32,277 in the Postal Savings Bank at the Muscatine postoffice.

His report says that there are 59 people in Muscatine who prefer to entrust their savings to the postal savings depository operated in the city postoffice, rather than directly to the city's banks.

He also stated that this money, drawn from local banks and entrusted to the government in the belief that it is therefore more secure, is immediately turned back to the banks designated as government depositories.

Banks secure money from postal savings banks, when they meet the government requirement of making certain deposits, which all cannot or do not do.

The Postmaster General also states that in the entire state of Iowa there are 24,264 men and women with postal savings accounts and at the close of the last fiscal year they had deposits of \$14,344,255 and that the post-office department now accepts deposits in 7,459 postoffices, "an increase of 664 over last year. Depositors in these "banks" have \$347,416,235 to their credit. No one is allowed to have more than \$2,500 on deposit at a time, and interest is paid at the rate of two and a half per cent.

Due to reports of bank failures all over the country, this amount will swell into the billions no doubt, and the postal savings gives the depositor security whereas depositing in individual private banks does not. It is believed that more banks failed this year than any other year and the end is not yet. The rush of deposits into the Muscatine post-office was undoubtedly caused by the run on Muscatine banks, all of which were included, and when only 59 depositors deposited the sum of \$32,277 it can easily be estimated how many more thousands were placed in the Muscatine office by the hundreds who opened postal savings accounts. Such action is convincing proof that the public is rapidly losing faith in financial institutions.

Christmas Show To Entertain Children

Approximately 1,000 Muscatine children are expected to attend a special Christmas show at the Uptown theater 10 a. m. Thursday, see Santa Claus in person and receive treats of candy, nuts and oranges through the courtesy of Manager Ludy Bosten and 10 Muscatine business houses.

When the daughter says you are the "dearest old dad in the world," and you have to prove it.

School Pupils Get Holiday Vacation To Monday Jan. 4

Muscatine public schools and St. Mathias and St. Mary's parochial schools closed today for the holiday vacation and will re-open on Monday, Jan. 4. The Zion Lutheran parochial school closed Tuesday for a vacation until Jan. 4.

Muscatine county rural schools, although generally observing the holidays, are not following a uniform vacation schedule.

Townsend Funeral Held On Wednesday

The funeral of Mrs. Fannie Townsend, 81, who died Sunday at the home of Mrs. Dean Morsey, Wilton, was held at the Muscatine Methodist Episcopal church 2:30 p. m. Wednesday. The Rev. W. H. Slack conducted the services. Burial was made in Greenwood cemetery.

Council Restricts 2 More Districts

Two new restricted residential areas were created by ordinance and another ordinance change adopted, repealing the fire and police committees, at Thursday night's city council meeting. The new restricted districts are Lots 1 to 10 in block 15 of Smalley's addition to South Muscatine and West Fourth and Lucas streets from Cherry street to Busch street, including both sides of the street to a depth of 140 feet. Present business locations are not affected.

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Meerdink Building Damaged By Blaze

Fire, presumably originating from defective wiring, Saturday night resulted in damage of approximately \$15,000 to the Meerdink clothing company building and contents. The blaze started on the second floor in the J. W. Tennyson apartment and was discovered by members of the I. Pearlman family, tenants on the third floor. Customers in the Meerdink store helped in carrying stock to the street. The damage is covered by insurance.

Mrs. J. M. Ruckles Rites Held Tuesday

Final rites for Mrs. Jennie M. Ruckles, 74, who died Saturday night at the home of a son, Edward, 410 Wisconsin street, were conducted at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Hoffman mortuary. Burial was made in Greenwood cemetery.

When everything else fails a lovely hat will turn a woman's head.

LOCAL FACTORIES TAKE INVENTORY

Majority of Muscatine Plants Shut Down Until Jan. 4

Among the Muscatine factories shut down until early in January to take annual inventory are the Weber and Sons button factory, the McKee Button factory, the Batterson-Wessels firm, the Hawkeye Button company and the Leo Hirsch button company. The Roach and Musser sash and door factory will be closed Dec. 31 for inventory and repairs and officials are not sure when the plant will re-open. The Huttig company is undecided as to holiday closing.

The Iowa Pearl Button company plans to be shut down some time between Christmas and New Year's while the Pennant Button company and the Midwestern Food Products company will observe only Christmas and New Year's day, taking the inventory on the run.

"Black" Diphtheria Victim Rites Held

Private funeral services for Orpha Darlene Fugate, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fugate who died Friday of "black" diphtheria and double pneumonia, were held Saturday afternoon at the home with the Rev. W. H. Slack of the Muscatine Methodist Episcopal church in charge. Burial was made in Greenwood cemetery.

S. D. Lewis Body Taken To Geneseo

The body of Stephen Douglas Lewis, 66, who died suddenly Sunday morning in the rear of his home, 523 Miles avenue, of cerebral hemorrhage, was taken to Geneseo for funeral services and burial.

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Rites For Stewart Youth On Saturday

Funeral services for James Edwin Stewart, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stewart, 909 East Eighth street, who died Thursday, were held at 2:50 Saturday afternoon at the Fairbanks in charge. Burial was made in Home for Funerals. The Rev. Ira Hawley of the United Brethren church officiated. Burial was made in Greenwood cemetery.

Women's Quartet Of Farm Bureau Named

The women's quartet, which will represent Muscatine county at the annual conference in Des Moines in January, was selected Saturday afternoon by the Farm Bureau following a singing contest at the Y. W. C. A.

Wyoming Hill Has Guard Rails Now

Temporary double cable guard rails at Wyoming hill on highway No. 61 were completed Friday by workmen for the state highway commission. The place now protected is where on Nov. 27 an auto crashed over the side of the road down 90 feet to the Rock Island railroad tracks, one woman being fatally injured.

Mott Suit Against Fairbanks Dropped

The damage suit filed by Lewis G. Mott as administrator of the Dorothy A. Mott estate against Roy Fairbanks and his wife, Grace, as the result of Mrs. Mott's death in an auto accident on the West Liberty road, near the Salisbury bridge, was settled and dismissed Thursday.



"SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE FREE PRESS"

WORLD'S NEWS OF THE WEEK QUICKLY TOLD

Story County Board of Supervisors Cut Their Own Salaries \$1.00 Day

NEVADA, Ia.—Members of the Story county board of supervisors have announced that they have voluntarily reduced their salaries \$1 a day.

G. H. Ludwig, county treasurer, has agreed to refund all delinquent tax commissions.

Pressed for action to reduce salaries of all county officers, the Story county board has explained to local taxpayers that if salaries are reduced it must be through voluntary action of the officers. So far, no other court employees have agreed to a reduction.

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Two Iowa Banks Fail To Open for Business

The Citizens Savings bank of Olin, Ia., failed to open for business Monday, a notice on the door stating that the action was taken by the board of directors for the protection of depositors. The bank was capitalized at \$30,000 and had deposits of \$140,000, according to the latest report of the state banking department.

The Farmers State Bank of Lamont, Ia., was closed Monday. The institution was capitalized at \$25,000 and according to its last statement had deposits of \$250,000.

The Farmers Savings bank of Williamson, Ia., did not open Monday. It was capitalized at \$12,000 and listed \$115,000 deposits in its latest report.

Davenport Sentenced Under Securities Law

WEST UNION, Ia.—A. A. Allison of Davenport, first man to be convicted under the Iowa securities law which took effect in 1929, was sentenced Monday by Judge Carl W. Reed to serve five years in the penitentiary.

Judge Reed overruled a motion for a new trial made the day of Allison's conviction, Nov. 20.

Allison filed bond for appeal to the supreme court.

Duncan Sisters File Voluntary Bankruptcy

LOS ANGELES.—The Duncan sisters have left only a \$15,000 equity in a home and \$3,000 in bonds of a fortune they say once amounted to a million dollars, they claimed Thursday when they appeared in bankruptcy court to file a schedule of liabilities and assets with their petition of voluntary bankruptcy. Unsecured loans to friends and poor investments were blamed by the actresses for their troubles.

Experts Find German Rail Debt is Too Big

BASLE, Switzerland.—German railroads will be unable to meet their nonpostponable reparations payments next year, the Young plan committee of experts decided by unanimous vote. This was accepted as the first official indication that the experts' final report would contain a recommendation for a moratorium on conditional payments, rather than for cancellation.

"Santa" Gets Stuck in Chimney in Rehearsal

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—Rehearsing to play Santa Claus for his daughter Jean, 6, P. D. Kessler was stuck in the chimney of his own house for 11 hours, and nearly smothered when his wife and daughter, back from a visit, started a fire.

The chimney had to be torn down to release Kessler.

Campaign Curb Asked

WASHINGTON.—The senate campaign funds investigating committee presented a bill to limit campaign expenditures to \$250,000 for the nomination of a president, \$50,000 for presidential elections, \$50,000 each for senatorial nomination and election, and \$10,000 each for nomination of members of the house.

OHIOAN BOOSTS BAKER

CLEVELAND.—Former Congressman Martin L. Davey urged that the Democratic party send an Ohio delegation to the national convention pledged to Newton D. Baker for the presidential nomination.

Tammany Chief Makes Huge Profits On Deal

NEW YORK CITY.—George Olivany, Tammany leader, has been squirming under the spotlight of the Seabury investigators. It was shown that Olivany's law firm during the last six years banked five and a quarter-million dollars.

It was also found that a certain "holding company," represented by Olivany, put up a cash deposit of only 25,000 on a piece of property, the total purchase price being \$210,000. Before any more payment was made—just four months later—the property was taken over by the city administration for \$634,601, plus enough interest to run the profits on the deal—on a \$25,000 investment—up to \$545,492.

"Alfalfa Bill" Loses Prestige in Election

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—Gov. William H. (Alfalfa Bill) Murray, mentioned as the possible 1932 Democratic presidential nominee, lost considerable political prestige Friday by the defeat of the four tax reform measures he submitted to Oklahoma citizens in special election. The defeated measures provided a 10 per cent tax on annual incomes of more than \$100,000; appropriated \$2,000,000 for free textbooks; escheat to the state of land held by corporations; and created a state budget officer accountable to the governor.

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Butler Kills Employer and Slashes Companion

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.—An infuriated Japanese butler stabbed to death J. William Schatz, 56, millionaire manufacturer and sportsman Sunday, forcing Schatz' house guest, Mrs. Florence Carozza, 26, comely brunet, to witness the final thrusts of a butcher knife.

Mrs. Carozza also was wounded. The butler, Gentro Aikiyama, 38, familiarly known as Yama, had turned upon the woman when policemen reached the house. Their arrival saved Mrs. Carozza's life.

"Pretty Boy" Is Worst Oklahoma Killer, Claim

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—Charles Arthur Floyd, whose kindly face and mild demeanor have won for him the sobriquet of "Pretty Boy," is Oklahoma's most hunted outlaw and his activities overshadow those of the notorious pioneer raiders, according to veteran peace officers. He is accused of five slayings and six Oklahoma bank robberies, in addition to other banditry.

Senate Gets a Report On Bishop Cannon Quiz

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., collected more than \$130,000 in the anti-Smith Democratic campaign of 1928, but reported only \$58,558 in accordance with law, the senate was informed by its special campaign funds investigating committee.

Johnson Calls Hoover "Dictator" In Attack

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Hiram Johnson (Rep., Cal.), made his assault upon the Hoover debt moratorium before crowded galleries and an intent senate Monday with a bitter denunciation of the president and his foreign policies.

Waving Mr. Hoover's moratorium announcement with its pledge of support from "leading members" of congress, Johnson shouted "this is the sort of thing that makes dictatorship, and this is the sort of thing that arouses rebellion."

COTTON GINNINGS

WASHINGTON.—Ginnings of the 1931 cotton crop to December 13 totaled 15,358,405 running bales, counting 535,337 round bales as half bales and including 7,925 bales of American-Egyptian, the census bureau announced.

LEVEE BREAKS FEARED

BALESVILLE, Miss.—Fear was expressed that the flooded Tallahatchie River, which rose to near the top of the embankments, would break the levee at Asa, eight miles south of here. Other breaks also were feared.

Body of Missing Girl, Victim of Degenerate, Discovered in Cellar

CINCINNATI, O.—Loss of blood, resulting from a criminal attack, coupled with shock to the nervous system, caused the death of Marian McLean, 6-year-old daughter of Mrs. Mildred McLean, whose body was found Tuesday in a deserted house here. This was the verdict of a deputy coroner following a post mortem.

Marian disappeared late last Thursday after leaving her home to "play in the yard." Police in conducting a widespread search worked on the theory she was abducted by a mentally defective man who had been seen in the neighborhood of her home.

The body was found in the cellar of a house a block from the McLean cottage by Charles Bishop, the owner, who had been sawing wood by the light of a candle. The torso had been mutilated.

Railroads Planning on 15 Per Cent Wage Cut

NEW YORK.—Eastern, western and southern railroad managements moved Saturday to apply the brakes to \$300,000,000 paid annually in wages to their employees. This amount represents the 15 per cent which executives decided to take from the workers' wages. Nine executives have been appointed as a committee to meet with representatives of the Railway Labor Executives association within 30 days to negotiate for a reduction in pay, which may be only 10 per cent if taken voluntarily.

Great Britain Raises Tariff Against U. S.

LONDON.—Great Britain raised the tariff wall against foreign goods higher Thursday when the board of trade issued its third "anti-dumping" order, imposing 50 per cent duties on cotton manufactures and other articles which normally are imported heavily from the United States.

Seven Drown When Ice Breaks on Small Lake

DALTON, Mich.—Three adults and four children were drowned late Sunday in a small lake near here, six of them attempting to rescue a child who had broken through the ice.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

5 Grasshopper Poison Mixers Are Near Death

DENVER, Colo.—Leo Garber and Allen Lynch were not expected to live and Murrell Stephens, Don Kinyoun and B. C. McClellan are dangerously ill from arsenic poisoning. The men absorbed poisonous fumes when they were employed by the Logan county commissioners last summer to mix arsenic poison used in fighting grasshoppers.

Sauerkraut Traced to China and Not Germany

CHICAGO, Ill.—Germany, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Russia, England and France have all claimed "credit" for discovering sauerkraut but the National Kraut Packers association has revealed, after intensive research, that the dish is really of Chinese origin. Sauerkraut has been traced to the period of Shi-Hwang-Ti, one of China's ancient heroes and an emperor of the Chin dynasty who built the great Chinese wall.

Missing Heiress Found Sick in Eastern Hotel

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Virginia Penfield, 19-year-old Columbus, O., heiress, who disappeared last Thursday while on her way home from the Mary Lyon school at Swarthmore, Pa., was found Monday at a local hotel. A physical examination disclosed the girl was ill, due to overstudy.

RAIL RESOLUTION PENDING

WASHINGTON.—The resolution of Senator Couzens, Republican, Michigan, for a congressional investigation of the railroad problem was adopted by the senate, which then rescinded its action at the request of Senator Tydings, Democrat, Maryland.

Kidnapped Kansas City Woman Home Again

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Mrs. Nell Donnelly, the millionaire founder of a garment company in Kansas City, Mo., is at home, extremely nervous from her 34 hour ordeal as the hostage of kidnapers, but physically unharmed.

She was released voluntarily by her captors without the payment of any part of the \$75,000 ransom demanded in the notes written by her under threat that she would be blinded and that George Blair, her negro chauffeur, would be killed unless the money was forthcoming.

Mrs. Donnelly and Blair were held blindfolded in a shabby retreat, somewhere in Kansas within an hours drive of Kansas City, from the time of the kidnapping early Wednesday night until they were released on Kansas avenue, in Kansas City, Kans., at 4 o'clock Friday morning.

Huge Liquor Distillery Seized at Quincy, Ill.

QUINCY, Ill.—Federal prohibition agents Thursday night raided an abandoned riverside warehouse and seized what they called the largest distillery ever to be found in this district, a plant capable of producing 1,000 gallons of alcohol daily. Leo Marsh and James Montgomery were arrested but several other men made their escape. The plant was estimated by officials as being valued at \$75,000 and was larger than that raided last year at Carbon Cliff, Ill.,—a raid which led to the recent conviction of 15 men in federal court in Peoria, Ill.

Mimic Air War Causes 3 Deaths in Michigan

NEW BALTIMORE, Mich.—Mimic warfare by eight army planes caused the death of three flyers near here Thursday when two of the planes collided in mid-air and crashed. Second Lieuts. Lawrence W. Koons, 23, Bloomington, Ill., and Charles W. Wilson, 22, air corps reserve, Ann Arbor, Mich., pilots of the planes were unable to free themselves from their ships and crashed to death. Sgt. Walter Lauver, 26, Big Cove, Pa., was killed in an attempted parachute leap at a height of 50 feet.

Disliked Being Dead, So He Left His Grave

BENTON, Ill.—Knocked unconscious and later buried by his assailant meant nothing to Raymond Tackett for he proceeded to dig himself out of his grave after regaining consciousness. He then brought charges against Dan Hoffman.

Closet Girl's Parents Convicted of Cruelty

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Riley, parents of 12-year-old Edith who had been locked in a closet three or four years, were found guilty Thursday in District of Columbia supreme court of supreme cruelty. They were pronounced guilty by Judge F. D. Letts of Iowa, who will impose sentence later. The maximum penalty is two years.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Murder Jests as He Is Strapped in Chair

HUNTSVILLE, Tex.—Wishing everybody a "merry Christmas" just before he died in the electric chair, Will Fritts, 41, farmer, convicted of the murder of a neighbor and his son, was one of two prisoners electrocuted here Friday.

Prohibition Men Raid Neighboring Speakeasy

CHICAGO.—Federal agents raided a speakeasy within a few steps of the federal building here. Several attorneys and clerks from the officers' own building were among the patrons who were allowed to leave without molestation.

TUNNEL INTO BANK

LOS ANGELES.—Burglars tunneled sixty feet from a storm sewer into the vault of a branch of the Security First National Bank, blew open the vault and escaped with \$15,000.

Germany Has More Daily Newspapers Than Any Country in World

BERLIN.—Germany has many more newspapers than any other country. She leads with 3,353 dailies. There are 1,942 in the United States, 1,500 in France, and only 225 in Great Britain and Ireland.

Relative to the population, Switzerland offers the largest selection of newspaper readers. She has 506 dailies or one for 8,000 inhabitants. Denmark has 272 newspapers—more than the British Isles—or one newspaper for 13,000 Danes. Germany follows with 18,700 inhabitants for one paper, while the proportion in the United States is one newspaper for 61,000 Americans.

On the other hand, the circulation of foreign newspapers is usually much larger than that of German papers. While the London Daily Mail has two million copies daily, the Berliner Morgenpost, the largest German newspaper, has only a circulation of 600,000.

Man Shoots Evangelist, Kills Himself in Pact

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Mrs. Bernice Owens, evangelist and widow, was found slumped in a chair in her room Friday, near death from a bullet wound in the temple, with a Bible clutched to her bosom. The body of Arthur S. Long, 55, a bullet hole through the brain, lay on the floor a few feet away, with a revolver clutched in the right hand. As the two were long time friends it was thought they had entered into a death pact.

"Legs" Diamond 'Put On Spot' After Acquittal

ALBANY, N. Y.—Jack (Legs) Diamond, New York City racketeer, was shot and killed here early Friday.

The gang leader, believed immune to law and bullet alike, was slain apparently by rival gangsters early Friday after a party in celebration of his acquittal on a kidnapping charge.

The shooting was done by two unidentified men, who burst into Diamond's room at a lodging house at 87 Dove St., not far from the capitol, and sent three pistol bullets into his brain from close range.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mule's "Hee Haw" New Slogan For Democrats

WASHINGTON, D. C.—"Hee Haw! We're coming back." This is the Democrats' 1932 slogan selected by a committee composed of Senators Copeland of New York, Sheppard of Texas and Dill of Washington, from 100,000 submitted in a national contest.

The winning slogan was submitted by J. J. Stubbs of Robstown, Tex., who will receive a \$100 prize.

Jester Dares Girl To Shoot Him, She Obliges

HOUSTON, Tex.—"Use it on me, Honey," William Hastik jestingly dared Beulah Knight, as he handed her a small pistol. "I will," Beulah replied, in the same spirit. She did.

Hastik, 20 years old, was near death in a hospital today. Miss Knight was held under \$2,500 bond.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Hoover Called On To Submit Mooney Report

WASHINGTON.—Senators Costigan, Democrat, Colorado; Walsh, Democrat, Montana, and Cutting, Republican, New Mexico, introduced in the senate a resolution calling on the president to submit to the senate the report of the experts of the Wickersham commission on the Thomas J. Mooney-Warren K. Billings case.

WHEAT BILL BLOCKED

WASHINGTON.—Senator King, Democrat, Utah, blocked immediate action on the Capper-Wheeler bill to divert 40,000,000 bushels of farm board wheat for the benefit of the unemployed.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS FOR OUR DAVENPORT FRIENDS

Jack Wall, Davenport, Denied a New Trial, Held Pending Appeal

DAVENPORT, Ia.—Jack Wall of Davenport, a leader in the million dollar Quad-city prohibition conspiracy, will remain in the Peoria county jail with eight other members of the ring while attorneys seek bail for him in the circuit court of appeals in Chicago. He was denied a new trial but granted a supersedeas halting the execution of a two year sentence pending appeal.

Michael Blumberg of Clinton, Mike Redovich, Sam Sideris and Harold Reed of Moline, employees at the Carbin Cliff distillery, were taken to Leavenworth prison tonight. Blumberg will start a two-year term for conspiracy and the others will serve 18 months for manufacturing liquor.

Filing notice of appeal after being refused probation Nick Coin, John Coin, I. G. Luchesi, Ed Lathrop, James Andrew, James Stathis, Dominic Leonetti, and Sam V. Karas will be held in the Peoria jail until action by the circuit court.

Mike Polios, East Moline, was granted probation.

Dobry Defense Starts Motion For New Trial

DAVENPORT, Ia.—(Special)—Five specific exceptions for the basis of a motion for a new trial in the D. A. Dobrey criminal case, which was filed by counsel for the former investment company head, who was convicted last week in district court here for making false statements to the Iowa securities department. Dobrey, at liberty under \$17,500 bond, has until Thursday to file formal motion for a new trial. This motion will be heard Dec. 29.

U. C. T. Council Holds Nice Christmas Party

DAVENPORT, Ia.—Approximately 200 members and guests attended the annual Christmas party held Saturday night by Davenport council, No. 310, United Commercial Travelers. Following the program Santa Claus distributed gifts to the children and serving of refreshments preceded cards and dancing.

Detroit Firm Submits Low Bid On River Work

DAVENPORT, Ia.—(Special)—The Stephen A. Healey firm of Detroit submitted the lowest of 13 bids for construction of the Rock Island roller dam, Davenport sea wall and interception sewer, the largest single contract improvement in the history of the Quad-cities. The bid was \$3,321,972.91, with \$5,000 added if bitumastic paint is used instead of aluminum paint on the roller gates.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Davenport City Council Passes Milk Ordinance

DAVENPORT, Ia.—(Special)—An ordinance fixing license fees for producers, distributors and milk dealers has been adopted by the Davenport city council despite objections of the Davenport Milk Dealers' association. Sentiment of members of the association was that distributors should decline to comply with the regulations, submit to arrest and make a test case in court, according to J. A. Carlin, spokesman for the objectors.

Lots of men would be unable to borrow trouble if they had to give security.

Davenport Firemen To Play Santa Claus for City's Poor Children

DAVENPORT, Ia.—Hundreds of discarded toys, repaired and redecorated until they look like new, and ranging from the humble box of building blocks to the mechanical wonders so pleasing to the youngsters, have been sorted and put into bundles by Davenport firemen for delivery today and Thursday. Letters from more than 600 youngsters and parents were received and classified and the individual wants filled as closely as possible.

The firemen resurrected an old time custom two years ago of collecting old broken toys and repairing them for distribution among Davenport's poor children.

Award Of \$8,000 Given Estate Of Wanda Wulf

DAVENPORT, Ia.—(Special)—Judgment for \$8,000 against Wilbur Dorman, Jefferson, Ia., and Pound & Clark, contractors, Scranton, Ia., was awarded last week to the Wanda Wulf estate by a jury of 12 men in district court here. No judgment was returned against Harry and Robert Clay of Long Grove, co-defendants. The suit involved a claim for \$20,000 damages and was based upon the death of Wanda Wulf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wulf, Long Grove, who was killed Oct. 30, 1928, when an auto owned by Harry Clay and driven by his son, Robert, was struck by a truck owned by Pound & Clark and driven by Dorman.

When father expects to be surprised "good and plenty" and isn't feeling any too good over the prospect.

Turngemeinde Party is Held at Grand Theater

DAVENPORT, Ia.—More than 800 children and their parents were in attendance at the annual Christmas program of the Davenport Turngemeinde Sunday evening at the Grand theater. It was the largest attendance at a Christmas entertainment in 10 years. An operetta was presented and toys were given to the children, followed by a dance.

Armed Bandit Holds Up Man And Wife In Office

DAVENPORT, Ia.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henle were held up here Friday night in the office of the Blackhawk Extract company by an armed bandit who took \$14 in cash, \$600 worth of jewelry and some cigarettes. Henle, who is head of the extract company, said the loss was covered by burglary insurance.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Third Baptist Church Plans Special Service

DAVENPORT, Ia.—Special Christmas services will be held 11 a. m. Friday at the Mt. Zion Third Baptist church in Davenport with the Rev. B. H. Hunter, the new pastor, in charge. The Rev. Mr. Hunter has accepted a call from the local church and comes here from Chicago after having been associated with churches in Illinois for 25 years.

Todor Grosdanovitch, Yugoslavia's oldest resident, who toothlessly celebrated his 123rd birthday recently, declares that he has just discovered that new ones are growing.

Sheriff Frank Martin Names Iowa Sheriff's Executive Committee

DAVENPORT, Ia.—Sheriff Frank Martin of Scott county, president of the Iowa Sheriffs' association, has announced the appointment of the following members of the 1932 executive committee:

Sheriffs: Delbert Murray, Burlington; E. R. Cook, Clinton; H. T. Wagner, Waterloo; Harry G. Utley, Manchester; W. J. Jochee, Oskaloosa; C. F. Keeling, Des Moines; W. A. McKee, Atlantic; Foss Davis, Jefferson, and John Davenport, Sioux City.

Davenport Unemployed Helping At Postoffice

DAVENPORT, Ia.—(Special)—Between 50 and 75 unemployed Davenport men have been hired to help handle Christmas mail at the postoffice here, according to Postmaster Charles S. Lewis. The regular force of the office is composed of approximately 100 clerks and letter carriers. Approximately 350 applications for the extra jobs were received.

Dry Investigators To Look Into Coin Charge

DAVENPORT, Ia.—(Special)—Two of the prohibition department's star investigators have been assigned to Muscatine, two to Clinton and three to Davenport, to substantiate evidence of a huge liquor conspiracy in Iowa and Illinois said to have been revealed by Nick J. Coan to Mark Alexander, United States district attorney at Peoria.

If you would acquire a profound knowledge of men study women.

FOR OUR FRIENDS IN SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

LETTS

Methodist Sunday school children will be given a Christmas treat Thursday evening by the Philathea class.

The United Brethren church Christmas program will be given Thursday evening when the Sunday school children will receive their Christmas treats.

Mrs. Fred Randall and son, John, of Moline, spent the weekend at the Arthur Lieberknecht home.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

LONE TREE

Joint installation of officers, with Omega Lodge I. O. O. F., will be held early in January by Mukill Rebekah Lodge, No. 594. The new officers are: Noble grand, Mrs. Mary Forbes; vice grand, Mrs. Myrtle Spevachek; financial secretary, Miss Elsie Smid; recording secretary, Miss Edna Carl; treasurer, J. E. Ashton; trustee for three years, Emil Person.

Appointive offices will be filled and installation held Jan. 19 by Fern Leaf Chapter, O. E. S. The newly elected officers follow: Mrs. Rose Petzel, worthy matron; the Rev. R. L. Brown, worthy patron; Mrs. Mary Broisma, associate matron; O. Ray Boutrager, associate patron; Mrs. Dorothy Kilbourne, conductress; Mrs. Estella Baumer, secretary; Mrs. Lucille Rife, treasurer.

WAPELLO

Funeral services for Adrian Smith, who died Saturday, were held at 2:30 Monday afternoon at the home with the Rev. R. J. Arms officiating. Burial was made in Wapello cemetery.

Two damage suits have been filed in district court here. Anna M. Hancock, administratrix of the estate of Merle Hancock, asks for judgment against L. R. Wilson for \$30,400 and interest at 6 per cent from Dec. 12, 1929, when Merle Hancock was fatally injured in an auto collision, and Arthur Jarvis of Morning Sun prays for a \$7,635 judgment with interest against E. W. Blasi and C. E. Stone for injuries received in an accident May 14, 1931.

Final rites for Providence Calderone, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Calderone who died Wednesday, were held 9 o'clock Friday morning at the St. Mathias church in Muscatine.

Wilton Junction

Osage school pupils presented a program of music, recitations, exercises and dialogs Wednesday night at the school house. Those taking part were Marion Einfeldt, Ralph Myers, Raymond Gatzke, Leo Einfeldt, Norbert Budelier, Harry Einfeldt and Laurence Gatzke.

Miss Elsie Fischer, teacher, presented the pupils of Center school, Farmington No. 9, Tuesday night in a Christmas program of songs, recitations, dialogs, drills, playlet and pantomime. Those taking part included Arthur Siems, Evelyn Cole, Dolores Miller, Jerold Schiele, Lois Cole, Melvin Houschild, Herschel Fitzer, Ruth Schiele, Lorraine Cole, Harold Guyer, Alice Siems, Bernice Siems, Robert Ploen, Harry Peterson, Stella Miller, Harry Lage.

CONESVILLE

Farm Bureau leaders of Orono township held an all-day meeting Friday at the home of Mrs. G. M. Buser. The lesson on "Feeding the Sick" was presented by Miss Elizabeth Armstrong, county demonstration agent.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

KALONA

Mrs. E. H. Reif, soprano, and E. J. Hesselschwerdt, tenor, and Mrs. Everett, accompanist, will broadcast a program of sacred hymns from station WSUI at Iowa City, Sunday night, Dec. 27, 9:15 to 9:45.

ALEDO

The Aledo State bank failed to open its doors Monday. Directors blamed rural financial conditions for the bank's inability to continue operations. Attorney General Oscar Carlstrom of Illinois is one of the directors. S. R. Amlong, president, was killed in an auto accident two weeks ago near Rock Island.

Mercer county corn growers won three grand championships, several seconds and other awards at the Warren county corn show which closed Saturday at Monmouth. Two of the championship awards were won by Ira B. Smith of Burgess on his 50 ear sample and 10 ear sample, both shown in the open class, and the third championship was won by D. A. Brown of Aledo on his single ear.

OAKVILLE

The junior class play, "cousins," postponed until after the holiday vacation, probably will be presented the first week in January. Miss Gertrude King has gone to Pittsburgh, Pa., to enter nurse's training. She had been employed many years in Davenport as assistant in a real estate office.

KEOTA

Royal Neighbors will install new officers Jan. 4 as follows: Oracle, Mary Callister; vice oracle, Beise Woolsey; chaplain, Ina Wade; musician, Maude Teets; receiver, Vina Mattison; recorder, Leona Palmer; marshal, Grace White; captain of degree staff, Clara Gammon; inside sentinel, Bernice Fulton; outer sentinel, Florence Vogel; managers, Ed Bonnarens, Bonnie Schreckengast.

HIGH PRAIRIE

Approximately 65 attended the community Christmas party Friday night at the High Prairie church. Group singing of Christmas carols was led by Mrs. M. E. Eichelberger. Games and contests were played following which refreshments were served by the Mesdames H. W. Stone, M. E. Eichelberger and B. H. Hitchcock.

STOCKTON

Stockton camp, No. 8357, Royal Neighbors of America, will install officers Thursday evening, Jan. 21, with Martha Paulson as installing officer and Kate Dittmer as ceremonial marshal. The new officers, all re-elected, follow:

Oracle, Sadie Belter; vice oracle, Malinda Paulsen; past oracle, Christina Messer; chancellor, Ora Colberg; recorder, Belle Bohnsack; receiver, Laura Anderson; marshal, Evelyn Duge; assistant marshal, Elfrida Siebke; inner sentinel, Alma Schlapkohl; outer sentinel, Fern Schlapkohl; manager for three years, Bertha Paustian; manager for two years, Adelia Broders; manager for one year, Alice Stahl; flag bearer, Hilda Meinert; faith, Hazel Colberg; courage, Alvina Johannsen; modesty, Verna Duge; unselfishness, Ella Schlapkohl; endurance, Katherine Broders; pianist, Ella Broders; assistant pianist, Emma Broders.

NICHOLS

Children of the Christian church will present a mixed Christmas program of songs recitations and exercises at the church Thursday evening. Mrs. Floyd Kirchner is chairman of the program committee.

A ten-cent gift exchange will be held in connection with an entertainment following the business meeting of the Royal Neighbor camp Thursday evening.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

WEST LIBERTY

WEST LIBERTY, Ia.—A Christmas program will be presented Thursday evening by the Christian church, consisting of a children's pageant, "Around the Christmas Tree," followed with a white gift program.

Funeral services for Dorothy Meyer, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Meyers of near here who died of injuries received Thursday when struck by a car driven by L. G. Frutig of Iowa City just after she had left her teacher's car and started for home across the road, were held at 1:30 p. m. Sunday at the First Methodist church. The Rev. W. A. Smith officiated. Burial was made in Oak Ridge cemetery.

TIPTON

The case of Paul Moore and J. W. Lenker, charged with conspiracy in connection with the recent T. B. test objections in Cedar county, is scheduled to come up for trial in the January term of the Jones county district court, which will open Saturday at Anamosa.

A change of venue to Jones county was granted Friday by Judge John T. Moffit after hearing arguments against the state motion by J. C. France of Tipton, who is representing the defendants.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Columbus Junction

Mrs. Frances Williams, aged Columbus Junction resident, is recovering from injuries from a fall at her home on Walnut street. She fell on the porch at her home as she was returning from mdown town.

Cotter Savings bank stockholders have been notified of a 100 per cent on their stockholdings. The bank closed a few weeks ago.

NEW ERA

Thirty-three men took part in the annual wood cutting of the Ziegler Memorial Lutheran church Friday in the timber owned by A. C. Brandt, who donated the wood to the church for heating the community building. Those assisting were Charles Roehik, Paul Kelley, George Henke, Henry Henke, Thomas Noble, George Brel, Jacob Brel, Max Kretschmar, George Halling, Fred Halling, Clarence Koepen, Fred Binggell, Jr., Clarence Berry, Harold Berry, Walter Kemper, Theodore Kemper, Will Sauer, A. C. Sauer, William Grill, Alex Brossart, Thomas Reeves, Howard Holtz, Leon Vormezele, Arnold Petersen, Walter Irwin, Fred Schroeder, Clarence Mockmore, Harry Sell, Clarence Shoemaker, Henry Rahlf, William Wunderlich, Elmer Hetzler and A. C. Brandt.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

MOSCOW

With the men entertaining the women and children at an oyster supper the Country club met Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Flattes. Those participating in games which followed were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Baker and daughter Leota, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Leech and children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wildasin and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dickinson and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Himes, and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Heabner.

Pleasant Prairie

Pleasant Prairie Presbyterian Sunday school children will present the Christmas cantata, "A Joke on Santa Claus," Thursday evening in the church auditorium. The cast includes Betty Jenkins, Beverly Moorhead, Gordon Moorhead, Mildred Strunk, Farene Egel, Frances Jenkins, Alethea Paul, Dorothy Jenkins, Elina Eis, Marie Platt, Mildred Hermann, Norma Egel, Naomi Nicewanner, Lois Lenker, Dorothy Thoenning, Donald Moorhead, Nelda Egel, Ruth Hermann, Doris Hermann, Lavona Sissell, Darleen Stormer and Harvey Schroder.

The Misses Ina Paul, Jenkins, Myrtle Jenkins and Alma Kretschmar are directing the cantata.

The Pleasant Prairie choir of 22 voices presented the cantata, "Hail, the Messiah," at the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening.

As We See It

Give Us Another Muhlenburg

It was way back in 1775, during the revolutionary days, when patriotism was the thought in every mind, and it was fanned into a blaze by the injustice on the public sufferers.

During that year Peter Muhlenburg was earning his livelihood in the little town of Woodstock, Virginia, as a minister. He, too, was caught by the wave of patriotism. Stepping into his pulpit one morning, he delivered a powerful, patriotic sermon, in which he phrased words that have lived to this day.

He said, "There is a time to preach, a time to pray, and a time to fight, and that time has now come." At the close of his fiery sermon he hastily unbuttoned his ministerial robe, flung it open, and startled the entire congregation by disclosing himself in full military uniform. He called for volunteers—hundreds responded before the service was closed, and he marched into the fray, and received the rank of Colonel.

Now if we had another Peter Muhlenburg—more ministers with that courage, without financial influence, surrounding them on all sides, how much easier it would be to educate the public in America with the actual conditions of our task, which calls for justice, and is just as patriotic and important today as it was then, except that the guns and cannons are not necessary. In those revolutionary days every colonist was suffering, and in these days practically every American is suffering.

No better time presents itself, nor has it been more imperative for all lovers of Justice and good government to stand up and defend the American home—not against the ordinary President, but against the propaganda that is entering the doorway of every home in America. The door is unlocked by the "powers that be" which control us, and the very agencies that we help to create—most Government commissions, our Courts, our Justice, and the majority of our officials, who stand in their battle for right with fear, who aren't doing their duty.

We find many who cannot be intimidated, but they are among the few. The American home is hard to guide, and the task is too gigantic for one guardsman. The law of order, of common decency—even of Christianity itself—has been stepped upon with forces of

evil, bolder than ever and winning at every step.

Propaganda, no matter how false, has been spread and has been broadcast. In desperation, there are those who ask, "To whom can we look, and where can we go for relief?" The Church has been mentioned, to which many turn, and have been spurned. May we have more Peter Muhlenburgs among our ministers, and may we ask if our ministers have lost courage, and why they fear preaching the gospel of truth to their congregation?

Moving pictures, exhibits and every known thing has been tried to get the people into the church. Above all, nothing could cause the people to flock in great numbers to the church like a sermon preached upon righteousness, justice and freedom—the three things which have been stricken from the Bill of Rights from our Constitution.

If we only had more ministers with courage and independence—not afraid to discuss these great, important questions, and let them not be led by the same propaganda that enters the doorways of the American home.

The time is coming when the church—the very structures in which the foundation of our righteous laws are laid—will be censured for their lack of interest in things of importance, instead of their being given the credit, as they are today, for every moral reform existing.

Many ministers excuse themselves by saying they must keep out of politics, forgetting politics is the science of government, and without government there would be an end of law and anarchy would take its place, guiding us back into a primitive state. Then, we find those excusing themselves from all controversial questions, saying they must not agitate strife by holding up those delicate questions which may cause opposing factions in the pews.

It is necessary for more than to simply preach and pray—"to fight for right is what is needed, and no better place can be found to start to strike for Justice, Freedom and Righteousness than in the pulpit."

We bless our ministerial friends who are possessed. They may be likened unto Apostle Paul, who possessed fearless leadership. We recall his writing to the church of Corinth at the close of his three years of residence in Ephesus. He said, "For if the trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?"; further saying, "Whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sound, all shall it be known what his pipe or harp?" He or she that should know what his pipe or harp, or who shall prepare for battle is YOU.

With you prepared and Congress now in session, it is the time to pick up the pen and push

it in your most forcible manner, advising the Senators and Representatives of your ideas. In selecting your thoughts, don't forget the unfair Federal Radio Commission, which is robbing the public of the freedom of the air, and the Medical Trust, which is commercializing in human souls.

Sirovich Is Right

Representative Sirovich has introduced a bill No. H. R. 6039 proposing a "Director of Radio" to work under the Department of Commerce.

That is a wonderful idea. Hoover when secretary to the Department of Commerce was head of radio, and how well we all remember those days when you could tune in almost any station you wished. Listeners would carry to the factory, the office and everywhere, lists of stations they tuned in "last night."

From Maine to California, Canada to Louisiana came reception then finally the press started grinding out propaganda for the chain station and now we have them on all sides of us and one can hardly find a station of an independent nature. If it is found, the powerful chain stations are on both sides of it, causing so much interference that the independent station is drowned out.

His bill also calls for the creation of a Federal Board of Appeals to hear appeals presented to the director, the board to be composed of five members, one from each zone.

All of this will help some in getting us out of the mess Radio is in today, but it is not the perfect solution. We need representation of all foremost classes on the radio board. Agriculture, labor, education, industry and religion should have a voice. As it is we have two judges, and all know where an ex-judge sits when he enters the political arena—Judge Sykes is an example—narrowmindedness results. We have La Fount, who some call a "public utility receiver" for his connection with power companies out around Salt Lake City before Senator Smoot put him in as commissioner, and General Saltzman, with army tendencies. I believe Mr. Starbuck may develop into a sincere commissioner and Judge Robinson but for the rest, it is a past story, their records paint the picture. We've all heard the song, "Too many Parties, Too Many Pals." It can rightfully be changed to suit our Radio Commissioners—adding "Too Much Influence."

Our Platform for the People is:

1. Less taxation.
2. Fewer State Commissions.
3. Universal school books.
4. Equity for farmers.
5. Lower freight rates.
6. Return of river transportation.
7. A cleanup of some state institutions.
8. More efficiency in public offices.

People's Pulpit

We want our readers to use these columns to explain their ideas on subjects of public interest. We have given our viewpoint and thoughts above and request our readers to write letters giving their ideas. Keep your letters within 350 words and sign your name and address. No Charge for publication.

Just a few lines for the Midwest Free Press stockholders, and readers of your paper and all. I think we should all wear a pin with the letters M. W. F. P. printed on them. I am sure we could get enamelled ones for twenty-five cents. I would be glad to pay this for one and would be proud to wear the pin at all times. Then when we meet we would know each other. How many would like a pin and be willing to pay a small price for same.

I do wish we could get the pins and then all meet out to Weed's park next summer with speaking. I will sure vote for Norman Baker if he should run for Governor as we sure need some one able to use his own mind instead of listening to others.

You stockholders should carry the names of the advertisers of your paper in your purse and buy only of those whose names you carry. There are plenty of stores to trade at besides the narrow minded ones.

I wish we could have a stockholders store just owned by the Mid-West Free Press members—

then the more stock we owned the more discount on our goods. Has anyone ever thought of that? I am sure we could have such a store. Just need someone to start, and a lot of pep.

This is my first attempt at writing for a paper. Please answer, someone.

From a stockholder and reader of our paper, also a taxpayer of Muscatine.

Norman Baker:

Please accept my hearty congratulations of your change to the weekly Press. This paper can be made to cover the whole United States as one of the outstanding publications for all the people.

I know your heart is as big as your body as to the cause of all whom seek will find its Standard Bearer in the Free Press which is not to be found in any paper in the United States.

This I consider the wisest move made in changing to a weekly which will spread over the whole United States and be the main human rights protector all over the United States. I felt like

shouting when I learned of the great change from daily to weekly the wisest move the common people has had made for them in many years.

I shall do my bit in every manner to support it and pray God give all power and speed you forward to spread the great cause which you have been doing in the past.

Yours for success,

H. H. M.

To the People's Pulpit and the people of the fifth district of Iowa.

If you have not got your fill of such kind of "painters of pretty word pictures" such as we continually are getting back here in the states from such as Cyrenno Cole then go right on and vote for that big Yes Man some more.

Six years ago you bellyached about Brookhart, yet he won and why.

Mr. Baker is right, the gang has the people by the throat and such as Vern Marshall of Cedar Rapids and the Lee Syndicate should be told their places.

Come on get your dander up. You aren't necessarily Bolsheviks or Russian Reds just because you are at the end of your rope and can't stand them any longer. It seems anyone who has the courage to stand and fight for right and virtue is considered such and I'd like for anyone to show me where Mr. Cole has ever been accused of such actions, he is just an office holder who says yes at every snap of the finger and one not to be tolerated any longer as one of Iowas Representatives.

This condition has been brought about right under their very nose, with an occasional squawk out of some of our progressive senators and representatives, just enough to create a reasonable amount of doubt in thinking people's minds.

Will we thank those progressive men with our votes or continue to listen to such complete public failures as Cole and all he stands for.

If that house is so hard to control through its meaningless memblings, let's put in a man who can at least by his personal appearance, or striking features or his inability to keep his mouth shut, just anything, command at least some measure of attention.

I am

A. R. S.

Mid-West Free Press: Remember the ancient medicine shows where they had music, maybe a magician and a ballyhoo who then tried to sell you Kickapoo Indian vermifuge, liver purifier and lightning rods? That is what the radio programs of 1931 have developed into—perhaps we should really say degenerated.

Twenty-four hours a day, relays of announcers ballyhoo everything from "peanut butter endorsed by the American Medical association" to "Hello" watches. In the morning, before the musicians can be dragged from the feathers, the phonograph record is called upon to provide the medicine show music.

Between each record the announcer expatiates on the virtues of tank heaters, sanitary swill barrels, brooder stoves, maybe a ride on the bus. The records are often announced as "special electrical transcription." A local house is selling them for 10 cents. Later in the morning a cargo of sopranos—they sing cheaply—is imported, and the records are shelved until next morning. The would-be Galli-Curcis yodel a few minutes, then the announcer does his stuff for pancake flour. Along in the afternoon the tenors and the baritones take up the burden of selling yeast cakes, tooth paste, hog purifier, horse collars, oleomargarine, what not. But it's in the evening that the medicine show bursts into glory. The nation-wide chains are hooked up and the big noises of the musical world, with much dog and the introductions, exchange their talent for the medicine man's money. The orchestra and soloists go into high speed, but between every selection, no matter how notable the performer, comes the plea, "buy this, buy that." There aren't enough channels to hold all the super-salesmen. It's the old medicine show.

F. M.

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VILLAGE IN OHIO RULED BY WOMEN

Five in Office Now With Sixth Elected for Coming Term

Executive and legislative destinies of the little village of Corwin, O., tucked away in the hills of Warren County, are guided and controlled by a group of five women, while a sixth was elected to office at the polls last month. Lawlessness is rare and the villagers are proud of their clean government. The women in office are all Republicans.

Mrs. Julia Van Offen, who has been a resident of Corwin for seven years, was appointed chief executive in April, 1930, when Mayor Harold Earhart resigned. She was re-elected recently and will be installed in her office Jan. 1, for a two-year term. She received 135 of the 136 votes cast.

Other women officials are Mrs. Dora Stiles, treasurer, and Mrs. Ethyl Beckett, Mrs. Lura Wernitz, and Mrs. Amanda Norton, councilwomen. Miss May Lawson was elected village clerk at the last election and will take office in January. The treasurer and councilwomen also were re-elected for two-year terms.

Handsome salaries are not a part of these offices, however.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Parents Divorced; Boy Tries to Die

BALTIMORE.—Despondent because his parents were divorced, 24-year-old James Dietzel swallowed poison. At the hospital, where he is guarded to prevent further attempts at suicide, he said: "I'm tired of everything, and I'm not wanted at home."

Look out for the ax a man has to grind when he begins to jolly you.

Father, Son Break Arms Cranking Car

After Mrs. Wilbur Bunday, of Battle Creek, Mich., had taken her husband to a hospital with a broken arm, suffered when he was trying to crank his automobile, she returned home to find that their son, Olin, 11, had also tried to crank the car and had also broken his arm.

FAMILIES SHOW MORE INCREASE

Average Number in Each Family Drops to 4.1 Since 1890

The size of the American family in the last decade continued the steady decrease which has been apparent in every decade since 1890, according to figures just issued by the census bureau.

The population per family in 1930, the bureau reported, was 4.1, as compared with 4.3 in 1920. In 1910 the average population per family was 4.5, in 1900 it was 4.7, and in 1890, 4.9.

The total number of families in the country, however, was 23.1 per cent higher in 1930 than ten years ago. According to the figures, there were 29,980,146 families in the United States last year.

Report on Shoals Goes to Congress

WASHINGTON.—The report of Muscle Shoals commission recommending that the Muscle Shoals project be operated by private interests was submitted to congress by President Hoover. In a special message briefly explaining the organization of the commission, the president submitted the report without recommendation. He is known, however, to favor its acceptance.

WIZARD FORGETS WITH SOLITAIRE

Former "Ice King" Now Passes Time Away Playing Cards

A quarter of a century ago, when he was "Ice King" of New York, head of a \$60,000,000 steamship combine, and in control of 15 banks, Charles W. Morse could have written his own check for millions. They said he caused the panic of 1907.

Today, his memory gone and his keen, quick mind dulled, he sits in his old-fashioned home at Bath, Me., playing solitaire. He seems carefree and happy.

The turbulent career of this now old and tottering, partly paralyzed man is one of the most colorful and astonishing in this country's sagas of Napoleons of finance.

He accumulated millions through speculation in a few years and was carried to dizzy summits of financial power, only to be toppled down to the level of a freed convict when he imagined he was on the point of grabbing up all boat transportation to the East and making banks his bondsmen.

He was tried for misapplication of bank funds, convicted, and put behind prison walls at Atlanta, only to gain pardon and freedom when it was thought he was dying. He doesn't remember all that now, for his memory has gone.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Student in Maine Walks Many Miles

At Arrowsic, Me., Roy Lawrence estimates he walked 8,100 miles to complete his studies at Morse High School in Bath, four miles away. Four years as an undergraduate and one as a graduate student, he walked to and from school daily in getting his education.

Thief Takes Watch Dog and A Pistol

H. F. Kelly, cafe proprietor, of Los Angeles, would like to have his big police dog, Rex, back—as a pet and not as a watch dog. An enterprising thief invaded his restaurant and walked out with his 100-pound watch dog and a pistol.

MAN FALLS DEAD AS POLICE RAID

Wife Says He Sold Booze To Prevent Family From Starving

INDIANAPOLIS.—Just as police appeared with a gallon of liquor they had seized in his cellar, Homer Ingersoll, 58, dropped dead at his home.

Coroner Fred W. Vehling said death was caused by a heart attack produced by the excitement of the policemen's visit.

Ingersoll had warned the three raiding officers to be quiet because his wife, Bertha, was ill. The widow told police her husband, unable to work, had been selling liquor as a last resort to ward off starvation. A son, Edward, 9, saw Ingersoll die.

Civil War Vet, 83, Cuts 3 New Teeth

MEDFORD, Ore.—J. M. Gutches, 88, Civil War veteran, credits his three brand-new teeth, cut recently, to 75 years of tobacco chewing.

Youth Loses Girl Friend, Ends Life

SIOUX CITY, Iowa.—Because he and his girl friend fell out, John Rickwa, 19, fired a bullet into his brain and died.

MARTYR AWARDED MEDAL OF HONOR

Margaret Sanger is Given Reward for Birth Control Work

The American Woman's Association has blazed the way to a new era in feminism by awarding a medal of honor to Margaret Sanger, birth control advocate.

They have named her the "outstanding woman in the metropolitan area of New York, both in her vocational field and in her individual development." This is the first time a national woman's organization ever has so honored a minority leader.

It probably is the first time in history that such an organization has ever bestowed a medal of honor on a woman who has been in jail. Moreover, Margaret Sanger, in receiving this award, is probably the first martyr to be so honored during her lifetime.

Seventeen years ago she was a visiting nurse. In her daily work among the poor she had come to the conclusion that the most serious reason for their deplorable condition was their large families.

The mothers caught and held her attention. She had visions of what these poor women might have been had they had two children instead of six, eight, or ten. In 1914 she began a single-handed battle against public opinion, and in 1917 she opened a birth control clinic in Brooklyn. She later was arrested and spent a month in jail.

2 Killed In Plane Crash at Oakland

OAKLAND, Cal.—Lawrence F. Deltung, pilot, was killed and Everett Carr, 25, passenger, fatally injured when their plane fell 300 feet and crashed at the airport here.

"LITTLE SURE SHOT" COLLECTS

From The American Press

By JOHN W. HARRINGTON

For quick-on-the-trigger action nothing ever passed the nation-wide barrage of libel suits filed by Annie Oakley, long champion markswoman of the world. She winged newspaper big and little from Maine to Oregon and kept it up until her legal fingers went lame.

Annie Oakley traveled for years with "Buffalo Bill's Wild West" breaking glass balls in air, knocking the spots off playing cards, and often flicking the ashes from cigars.

Her fame also is preserved in the expression applied to free show tickets. Once those bits of pasteboard were punched. Ban Johnson, the American Baseball League president, I believe, first used the term. On seeing a pass with many holes in it he grunted, "Huh—looks as though Annie Oakley had been shooting at it." Ever since "comps" have been Annie Oakleys.

Here is the piece printed in a Chicago newspaper on April 3, 1903, and relayed by press associations, which started the trouble:

"Annie Oakley, daughter-in-law of 'Buffalo Bill,' and the most famous rifle shot in all the world, lies today in a cell at the Harrison Street Police Station under a bridewell sentence for stealing the trousers of a negro in order to get money with which to buy cocaine.

Dragged in King's Name

"The woman is she for whose spectacular marksmanship King Edward himself once led the applause in the courtyard of Buckingham Palace.

"When arrested Saturday on the complaint of Charles Curtis, a negro living at 140 Sherman Street, she gave the name of Elizabeth Cody, but it occurred to no one to connect her with Colonel Cody's famous daughter-in-law. Today, however, when brought before Justice Caverly, she admitted her guilt.

"I plead guilty, Your Honor, but I hope you will have pity on me," she begged. "An uncontrollable appetite for drugs has brought me here. I began the use of it years ago to steady me under the strain of the life I was leading, and now it has lost me everything. Please give me a chance to pull myself together."

"The striking beauty of the woman whom the crowds at the World's Fair admired is now entirely gone. Although she is but 28 years old, she looks almost 40. Hers, in fact, is one of the extreme cases which have come up in the Harrison Street Police Court.

"Today she will be taken to the bridewell (workhouse) to serve out a sentence of \$45 and costs.

"The prisoner's husband, Sam Cody, died in England. Her son, Vivian, is now with Colonel Cody at the latter's ranch on the North Platte. The mother left 'Buffalo Bill' two years ago and has since

been drifting about the country with stray shows."

When Fancy Ran Riot

On the flimsiest foundation of fact was this fabric built. It was true that a woman was arrested who gave her name as Cody; that she appropriated pants unlawfully to her use, as aforesaid, and that she was a drug addict. It happens that most dope fiends, especially those who use cocaine and morphine, have "delusions of grandeur" when tempted by questions. They romance on slight encouragement. The lady said later she had been an Oakley understudy.

The sergeant who took the woman's pedigree at the police station asked, in an off-hand way, "Cody, did you say? Any relation to 'Buffalo Bill' Cody?" Evidently she then and there invented the story that she was a daughter-in-law of the famous scout, the big shot of the outfit and, when some one suggested she must be Annie Oakley or asked her if she was, her imagination again rose to the occasion.

She said her appetite for narcotics was acquired through using them for injuries sustained in a railroad accident near Cincinnati. It was recalled that the real Annie Oakley was severely hurt in 1901 in a smash-up of the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show. That was in North Carolina, not Ohio, and for many months she was a bedridden invalid.

Newspaper men of today would check her statements by the "morgue" or telephone Col. Cody. They would not pass a little investigation. But in those days morgues were small, one-man or girl affairs.

In the original account placed on the wire generally are the words, "It occurred to no one to connect her with Colonel Cody's famous daughter-in-law." Of course not, for nobody had ever heard he had one, famous or not. "Today, however," added the chronicler in the same context, "when brought before Justice Caverly, she admitted her guilt." That meant, of course, the transgression of the trousers, not that of being related to the noted showman. Buffalo Bill had a son, Kit Carson Cody, who died in infancy at Rochester, N. Y. "Sam Cody," the prisoner's husband, if there was a husband and that was his name, was no kin to Colonel William Frederick Cody. The son, Vivian, mentioned as with his grandfather on the Western ranch, was the romantic creation of a drug crazed brain.

Her statement should have raised many a query. Miss Oakley was born in 1860 and was then in her forties. She was living at Nutley, N. J., with her husband. She could not have been called "retired," for she was still so widely known that letters and telegrams addressed simply "Annie Oakley, markswoman," were being delivered to her. It was only a few weeks before the Chicago contretemps that she

had made a marvelous "come-back" at Dover, N. J., with the gun—an incident which had been reported by the news associations and upon which there was editorial comment throughout the country.

Just as Movies Say

On the strength of the dispatch sent out from Chicago, giving details of her alleged arrest in three hundred words, the able rewrite men of the newspaper shops were turned loose. What the morgues could not supply welled from their ready fancies and tinkled from trusty typewriters. Those who had seen Annie Oakley's trigger work drew vivid pictures of her in her prime before poison had palsied her strong, firm hands and dimmed her eagle eye. Pictures galore were exhibited, as she was in the palmy days, covered with medals, and with her luxuriant hair falling in a cascade of glory from beneath her wide sombrero. Some artists even perpetrated "Before and After" pictures the Afters showing her seared, weakened, and haggard. The woman apprehended in Chicago did not bear much resemblance to Miss Oakley at any time in her life.

Miss Oakley, in private life Mrs. Frank E. Butler, living quietly and in serene dignity in Nutley, N. J., awoke one April day in 1903 to find herself, according to the newspapers, labeled infamous rather than famous. A gentle white-haired woman, attending church, giving to charity, beloved by neighbors and town folk, she was ashamed to go into the street. She called up the nearest morning daily and demanded to know why it had not communicated with her.

Then she sent for a young lawyer and asked him what she had better do to salvage her reputation.

"May I ask you a personal question?" inquired the attorney. "Well, I would infer that you are not exactly affluent. Am I right?"

Admits She's Broke

Then and there she outlined her financial status. Much of the time when she was with Buffalo Bill her salary was \$1,000 a week. She was a kindly and generous soul, with a host of poor relations and needy friends. In fact, she was almost in desperate straits.

"In the circumstances," said the lawyer when she had finished, "my firm will advance you \$1,000 to tide you over for the time being. This would be on the condition that we undertake suits for libel in your name and receive a share of any damages you may recover."

In all the annals of libel there probably never was such a clear, open and shut proposition as the memorable action of Annie Oakley against leading newspapers of these United States. The Associated Press which had covered the story could not be sued, because it is not a corporation but a club. Not so with the news-

papers belonging to that far flung agency, for they are organized as businesses and held strictly accountable under the laws of libel.

What defense could any newspaper make? The whole story as far as it related to Annie Oakley was untrue. She had never been addicted to drugs and it would have been nobody's business, if she had.

Most of the defendants were glad enough to settle, especially after Miss Oakley had won the first of the cases, which was against an Eastern newspaper. Several made the gravest kind of a mistake by trying to dig up something derogatory to her, but her record was spotless.

Generous, impulsive, unselfish, she was idolized by all who knew her. In every sense she was a consistent Christian—a ministering angel to those in sorrow and misfortune. Will Rogers, in a tribute written by him some years ago after visiting her when she was laid low by a paralytic stroke, referred to her as a saint.

Lost Only Two Suits

Of the many actions, and fifty were begun at one clip, only two were lost by the Oakley lawyers, they were against the Times and Herald, of Rochester, N. Y. The amounts collected from the newspapers varied from \$500 to the \$27,500 which in 1906 a jury decided the chief offender (Hearst's Chicago American) ought to pay. How much it all summed was not definitely known, but it was probably several hundred thousand dollars. Fighting a claim for damages seemed so futile that the attitude of the press was like that of the coon who said "Don't Shoot, I'll come down." Many papers paid cheerfully and printed not only retractions, but later ran feature stories praising Miss Oakley, on their own motion.

With the proceeds of the libel suits, Mr. and Mrs. Butler started all over again. They gave exhibitions and eventually settled at Pinehurst, N. C., where she taught society folks how to shoot. For a brief period she starred in a Western melodrama. Her health began to fail again in 1916 and she virtually retired. In her last years Miss Oakley lived in Dayton, Ohio. She died on November 4, 1926, in her sixty-sixth year. Her devoted husband passed away eighteen days later.

Her estate, appraised at \$42,425 was not nearly as large as it might have been, had she been less generous. Her personal expenses had been heavy, as she was an invalid requiring special treatments and care. The sums obtained in her campaign of vindication, however, assured her comfort in her sunset days.

Inasmuch as she taught the newspapers of this country a lesson not yet forgotten, probably none of those she winged begrudged what they paid.

SKY ROADS

In Fat Yen's Power

Lt. Lester J. Maitland



Mother Asks Girl's Wedding Annulment

The mother of Rosetta Bryan, 11, has filed at Council Bluffs, Iowa, a petition for annulment of her daughter's marriage to Albert Bryan, 40. The marriage was performed nine months ago with the mother's consent.

Self-inspection is said to be a sure cure for self-esteem.

Jobless Easterner Digs His Own Grave

Being out of work, Wasil Radzedich, 68, of Ansonia, Conn., is utilizing his leisure time by preparing for death. He has dug his own grave in Three Saint's Cemetery. He has finished a concrete vault and has begun work on a stone monument. He says he doesn't expect to die soon but he wishes to be ready whenever his time comes.

Southern Minister To Reward Sleepers

Here is a chance for sleepy-heads. The Rev. Hubert Knickerbocker, pastor of the First Methodist Church, in Memphis, Tenn., has offered \$1 to any member of his congregation who is able to go to sleep during one of his sermons. Love is one kind of praise and envy another.

Man Legally Dead But Collects Cash

Although the courts declared him legally dead after he disappeared some years ago, Charles A. Cohernour has returned to Taylorville, Ill., to receive his share of the \$50,000 estate of his father. Judge William Greer already has declared the man legally alive again so that he can share in the legacy.

10 Lashes, 10 Days For Beating Wife

TAKOMA PARK, Md.—Ten lashes and ten days in jail was the sentence recently given Joseph C. Carlton, carpenter, convicted wife-beater. Mrs. Carlton testified her husband had beaten her "black and blue" with his fists. Youth has ideals; old age ideas.

NOTICE---to every Muscatine Citizen and Rural Friends

As a matter of caution we bring this matter to the attention of all citizens of Muscatine and rural friends.

Muscatine and our rural districts have been greatly damaged by certain groups in our city, who worked against and helped close station KTNT. That is a matter of the past and we do not care to thrash it over again, but the same group is daily working against the best interests of the city.

Doctors and others of their kind, whose jealousies started the fight against the Baker Hospital and lost, have tried in every conceivable manner to ruin another of Muscatine's enterprises. Not content with the closing of KTNT, and putting over 150 people out of a job, with the loss of nearly \$50,000 in yearly salaries, they have enlisted by their subtle methods some of our large retail stores.

These stores working hand in hand with the capitalistic groups and the clique which is out to destroy everything Norman Baker is connected with, are working against this paper.

You can easily pick these stores, and our stockholders and loyal friends should notice which they are. The stores refuse us advertising copy, forcing us to throw our columns open to retail merchants out of the city, and as soon as such advertising appears in our columns, they will begin to shout that we are disloyal to our community.

Our columns are open to Muscatine merchants—the home merchants have treated us kindly, but the large stores run by New York, Chicago and St. Louis capitalists have not done so. When our advertising solicitors call upon them they give the excuse that their budget is spent, still they know that our CIRCULATION IS LARGER THAN ANY THREE COMBINED PAPERS IN MUSCATINE COUNTY, and they advertise almost daily in another Muscatine paper with far less circulation. That proves they are not sincere and do not wish to patronize this paper merely because a certain group tells them where to advertise.

We feel any store which is not patriotic or loyal enough to a community to patronize a paper owned by town people are not good enough to ask for the trade of such people. Last week a certain large store carried a large double advertisement and refused us one inch. Is that loyalty to you stockholders and friends who wanted another paper in Muscatine to work for the community as we have done and expect to do throughout 1932 and always.

Our friends and boosters should watch the other paper's advertisements and watch our columns. Patronize the advertisers in this paper and when you buy say "I saw your advertisement in the Free Press. One store manager said "To H--- with the Free Press and their subscribers." It is well to remember that. Look for our next talk next week and be careful where you buy your Christmas presents—buy from advertisers—they are loyal when they give us as large ads as they do others.

Talk
No 1
Read
and
Act

Read
Talk
No. 2
Next
Week

Patronize Community BUILDERS--NOT DESTROYERS

Board of Directors--Midwest Free Press

"SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE FREE PRESS"

Governor Turner—Help! Help!

(Continued from page One)

Burroughs live in Council Bluffs. They are citizens of Iowa, and opponents of the existing economic system which is starving and freezing thousands. They were taken "for a ride."

Mr. Papcum, because he dared air the truth, was immediately called an anarchist or communist, when making a talk in Council Bluffs. He was arrested and charged with disturbing the peace, which all men and women are charged with when they dare to speak and disturb the peace of the pacifists who are starving and freezing the people. He criticized the work of the administration's relief work at the council meeting which right he had because it is a public meeting and affords time on all council programs for citizens to talk.

At a late hour, after the meeting, he was arrested—they released him quickly, arrested for a "scare." They did not release him until they had a mob outside waiting for him.

The mob seized him, many radical Legion boys included. They took him to the country, beaten, wounded, cut with a knife, severely beaten and mistreated, then he was dumped into the road and warned never to return.

Five days later he spent the night at an Omaha hotel with Powers Hapgood. Hapgood saw four ugly knife wounds in the poor man's body—all because he complained of the foolish relief work others were doing and of which very few such relief organizations are not open to severe criticism.

After they left him in the road, they returned to the city and burned the property of the association Papcum belonged to. The Omaha World-Herald has this to say about the affair:

"It is possible, of course, that the police did not hear Papcum's single cry for help. It is possible that a man might have been seized by fourteen men on a principal street and in front of the police station, without police knowing anything was amiss. It is possible that officers, also on a principal street corner, might have been looted by the same or a larger gang, and a fire started, without leaving any clues. But it is highly improbable. The greater probability is that a great many people know the names of the conspirators, that the "inside story" is being told all about town, and that a sincere investigator could learn all the facts in a very short time. If that is the case, it is the plain duty of the officers of the law to bring the kidnapers to trial."

The next night, Gordon Burroughs, a former school teacher, was awakened from his sleep in Council Bluffs when someone threw a tear gas bomb into his room and he was forced to the street in his night clothes. When recovering in the street from the tear gas he was seized by a gang, thrown into an automobile by the mob whom he described as American Legionnaires and was given a more severe beating than Papcum received. He was warned not to return.

The men were courageous, however, after all their beatings and punishments and announced to the press that they would speak at Bayliss Park in the center of Council Bluffs. With courage Mr. Papcum said, "he would speak at the meeting whether he left it dead or alive."

That very statement is the kind of patriotism you like, Governor. Your words quoted above say so, and you surely must admire that courage of an Iowa citizen.

Forty vigilantes were deputized and threats of arrest were made if he spoke, but he did speak. He was a union miner so knew hard knocks when younger because he worked in the mines in Pennsylvania.

A thousand people gathered and he stood on a bench and gave his talk—the crowd was sympathetic and the same hoodlums that punished him before were afraid to act, knowing the public would possibly murder them for depriving an Iowa citizen of the right to say whether or not a relief committee or organization was doing its duty. God knows the most of them don't.

He read for ten minutes, then was taken to jail, but later bailed out after the chief of police arrested Hapgood for sitting in the police station as a friend of Papcum.

Communists, anarchists or what-nots, we do not advocate

any such and believe that any of them that utters remarks against our government should be punished—but punished by law, not mobs. The American Legion will not tolerate this. It is not their policy and if you do not correct this evil, you will not only place our state on a level with the southern states that permit lynchings without an effort to capture the guilty ones, but you will by your silence, infer to such howling mobs that they can keep up their unlawful work. We implore you to investigate this matter—it is serious—the men said nothing but what all citizens of America would say about present conditions—and it would be worthy to have your investigating department work on this case at once, which is one that will not require the militia.

On behalf of those lovers of justice, we wish you the best for the holidays.

Editor's note:—Very few papers in Iowa mentioned this case. An attempt was made to smother it. Read the Free Press and get the news others suppress.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Iowa Crops Valued At But One-Half of Five-Year Average

Total valuation of crops produced in Iowa in 1931 was only 50.4 per cent of the average valuation for the five-year period 1926-1930, or \$225,036,000 as compared with the average of \$446,183,000. This total valuation of 26 crops grown in 1931 is considerably less than the value of corn production alone for any one year during the past five, excepting in 1930. In that year one-half cent more added to the farm price of corn per bushel would have given a corn valuation greater than the value of the 26 crops in 1931. These statements are based upon December first estimates of crop production and average farm prices.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Some men are like donkeys; they lack horse sense.

O'NEAL BUNK TO PACIFY FARMERS

Farm Bureau Head Calls Plan Proposed By Him Militant

Edward O. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau, opened the national convention of that order at Chicago with a plan whereby he says the farmer is going to come into his own.

He says he will demand for agriculture more federal regulation for grain and cotton exchanges, true equality with other industries, an act for improved marketing, lower taxes and better credits.

Now the farmer will get justice, so it is made to appear, but it is merely another blab, blab or outburst to keep the farmer on his toes expecting something to happen.

How foolish indeed to even awaken a spark of encouragement by the mentioning of the same things, over and over again which they have shouted about for the past ten years. Of all the political bunk, read this:

"In formulating our program we must make it militant," he declared. "Let's more completely organize agriculture; strengthen and co-ordinate our service organizations, to get greater collective bargaining power; to strengthen and perfect our market system, that the American farmer may have the benefit of the tariff."

"Let us adopt a permanent, long time national land policy; secure a better financial system for agriculture—an honest dollar for the nation; provide a more equitable tax system and a fairer representation of agriculture in all government agencies; and a co-ordination of all agricultural forces in a common program."

"To carry out that program we must have a huge array of men and women throughout the nation. The only voice that is heard in the nation today is the voice of organization. We must be aroused and organized. It is our only salvation."

President O'Neal said the only ones opposed to the farm board were those previously in "undisputed control of our marketing

Swearing Criminal Lawyer Might Return To Ministry

Moman Pruiett Declares He's Through With Bad Associates

After 36 years during which he established a reputation as one of the Southwest's most able criminal lawyers and picturesque figures Moman Pruiett may return to the ministry he deserted at the age of 23.

Pruett stood in the pulpit of St. Luke's Methodist church, in Oklahoma City, Okla., recently and announced he was done with bootlegging joints, with gambling houses, with profanity, and with low associates. He said he might return to the ministry.

It was the first time he had been inside a house of worship in 17 years. The congregation had

known him as a hard drinking, hard swearing attorney.

Pruett was a young Congregationalist minister in Paris, Tex. He was very fond of steaks. For three days steaks he had placed under a dishpan at night were gone in the morning. One morning he arose to see a cat emerging with what remained of a steak.

The hot-headed young minister seized a butcher knife, caught the cat in his yard, and whacked off its head with one furious blow. He confessed his act from the pulpit and left town.

Then began the career which has stamped Pruiett a genius at defending criminals before the bar. In 36 years he defended 342 men accused of murder. Of this number 304 went free. Thirty-eight were found guilty and given sentences ranging from four years to life.

Winner Of Nobel Peace Prize Would Abolish War, Navy, Aviation Offices

Dr. Nicholas M. Butyer Advocates Action To Aid Peace

NEW YORK.—Abolition of the war, navy and aviation departments as a move for peace is advocated by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butyer, president of Columbia University and joint winner with Jane Addams of this year's Nobel peace prize. Dr. Butyer, speaking over the radio, averred there is no longer room for the word "war" in any government organization. Dr. Butyer advocated the

substitution of departments of national defense. He outlined a nine-point program to establish permanent world peace in which he advocated abolishment of compulsory military service, reduction of armies, scrapping of battle-ships, submarines and "other instruments for the destruction of life."

Development of a code of international conduct with a controlling body of international law and upholding of the authority of the League of Nations were two more points. He urged strengthening of the permanent court of international justice.

system and who have profited greatly thereby."

Maybe O'Neal believes the farmer believes that such things will take place—he does not. The farmer has become awakened to the real situation in America, and knows that his only salvation is in organizing into a single unit farm plan that constitutes a "trust" just like capitalists have.

Al Capone treated his fellow prisoners in the county jail in Chicago to ice cream and cake on Thanksgiving Day. Buying popularity by means of private charity is a privilege usually accorded only unjailed upper class gangsters. We also wonder if Al put over that big treat with money he held out of his income tax.

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DISSOLUTION TO BE MADE JAN. 1

Five Doctors Decide That Independent Practice Best

(Continued from page One) cancer unless the American Medical Association sanctioned it. Of course the A. M. A. would not do that—they did not have any fingers in the pie.

Baker then started the hospital and most everyone in the United States now knows about it and the cures his treatments have made and are still making.

At one time, about 600 patients were here from every state and province of the United States and Canada. Most all our citizens on their way to work would drive past the hospital on Front street to see the crowds of 150 or 200 patients standing out on the porch between 7:30 and 8:00 a. m. waiting for the doors to open. Those were outside patients while every bed in the hospital was taken.

At that time Dr. Howe called for an autopsy on one of the former Baker Hospital patients, and all local doctors joined in on a full page advertisement in the Journal with Clyde Rabedaux, ignorant of cancer cure facts.

They started a fight to close up Baker's place but it appears now that the sliding was not "so good" for the Muscatine Clinic as it is now NO MORE.

Nature has a way for taking care of its own, and now we shall watch and see if these doctors standing alone can hold up because the expensive operations, X-ray and radium treatments that took so many thousands of dollars from patients in the mid-west, have dwindled away for reasons that the Baker Hospital and the Baker treatments still stand with their cures and are doing business each day while other hospitals are almost empty. People have been educated through Mr. Baker's fight on the truths that operations, X-ray and Radium, especially the later two, KILLS instead of cures.

The closing of the clinic may react as in some other cases where fee-splitting may have been practiced, by the old family doctor sending the poor patient to a "specialist" and splitting the fees.

Mr. Baker should get some satisfaction from their closing in knowing that he was not the first to close and should rejoice that his treatments have stood the test of time.

BOOTH SUICIDE EVIDENCE FOUND

(Continued from page One) the investigation. He said he planned to examine skin from the back of the mummy's neck, where Booth was known to have had an infection.

History records that Booth was killed by Government agents and troopers in a barn at Bowling Green, Va., on April 26, 1865.

Many believe, however, that the real Booth escaped and fled to Texas, where in 1875, John St. Helen confessed to Finis L. Bates, former attorney general of Tennessee, his real identity.

Where there's a will there is always a chance for a lawyer to butt in.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Gold Standard Dropped By 23 Nations In Depression

France Stands Second To United States In Gold Holdings

WASHINGTON—Japan's suspension of the gold standard has brought to 23 the number of countries suspending gold and exchange movements since the depression began to be realized. In all, some 61 countries have experienced serious financial difficulties in the past seven years.

In September, Japan held \$408,000,000 in gold, but during October and November nearly 25 per cent of this was exported to the United States. This outlook is understood to be chiefly responsible for the decision, to abandon the gold standard.

Since 1923 several important and numerous small governments have been on and off the gold standard.

A little over three years ago, June 25, 1928, the Bank of France was placed under legal obligations to redeem its notes in gold. From that date France began to accumulate vast stores of gold, until today she stands second only to the United States in holdings. Her return to the gold standard has led to a virtual financial dictatorship over Europe.

Important international movements in gold in a large scale began last July, but the real movement away from the gold standard occurred in September. Great Britain's momentous decision to abandon the standard, Sept. 21, was followed almost immediately by similar decisions on the part of the Scandinavian countries. The movement soon worked down into the Balkans.

Many Countries Hit Governments recently encountering financial difficulties, with the resultant action they took, included:

1929
Argentina—Conversion office closed Dec. 16.

Australia—Gold exports were placed at discretion of the commonwealth bank on Dec. 17.

1930
New Zealand—New Zealand pound, legally inconvertible, al-

lowed to decline with Australian pound.

1931
Germany—Exchange transactions restricted, July 13.

Hungary—Exchange transactions restricted, July 14.

Chile—Exchange transactions restricted, July 30.

England—Legal obligations upon Bank of England to reduce its notes in gold suspended, Sept. 21.

Irish Free State—Irish pound, redeemable in sterling, ceased to have fixed gold value when England abandoned gold standard, Sept. 21.

Denmark—Bans Export

India—Legal obligation of government to sell gold or sterling at fixed rates suspended, Sept. 21.

Denmark—Export of gold prohibited. Legal obligations of Bank of Copenhagen to redeem its notes in gold suspended, Sept. 29.

Austria—Exchange transactions restricted, Sept. 23.

Columbia—Export of gold prohibited, Sept. 24.

Bolivia—Legal obligation of central bank of Bolivia to redeem its notes in gold or gold exchange suspended, Sept. 25.

Greece—Exchange transactions placed under partial control, Sept. 27.

Sweden—Export of gold prohibited, Sept. 27.

Norway—Export of gold prohibited. Legal obligation of Bank of Norway to redeem its notes in gold suspended, Sept. 27.

Italy—Exchange transactions restricted, Sept. 30.

Czecho-Slovakia—Exchange transactions placed under partial control, Oct. 5.

Jugo-Slavia—Exchange transactions restricted, Oct. 8.

Latvia—Export of gold prohibited, Oct. 9.

Finland—Bank of Finland ceased redemption of its notes in gold of gold exchange, Oct. 12.

Canada—Export of gold prohibited, Oct. 19.

Japan—Suspended gold standard, Dec. 14.

Cool Toward Smoot Plan

The proposal of Senator Smoot, Republican, Utah, that Europe be allowed to pay its war debts in silver was received coolly in administration circles. Although declining to comment for quota-

Forced Farm Sales Jump 25.5 Per Cent In 12-Month Period

Twenty-six farms out of each 1,000 in the United States were sold by the sheriff in the 12 months ending March 31, 1931, according to a statement just issued by the Department of Agriculture.

This is an increase of 25.5 per cent over the forced sales of the previous year. About 7.4 per cent were sold for non-payment of taxes, and the rest under mortgage foreclosure.

Net operating income of American farms for 1930 totalled \$4,669,000,000, a drop of \$2,082,000,000 from the figures for 1929. Out of this must be paid interest on debts, and living expenses of 6,000,000 farmers and their families.

SWEETLAND

Wayne Eckhardt, a student at University of Iowa, Iowa City, and Kenneth Bieber, students at Iowa State college, Ames, are spending their Christmas vacations at the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Eckhardt and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bieber.

Sweetland Valley school pupils presented their Christmas program Friday evening, after which Santa Claus appeared with his pack. The pupils will resume their studies Jan. 4 following a two weeks holiday vacation.

tion, high officials said they could see no advantage in the proposals either for the debtors or for American silver producers.

FAST TRACT IN U. S. UNCLAIMED

Land In Colorado Under Flag of No Nation Is Discovered

A vast "No Man's Land"—an area of 1,500 square miles over which the flag of no nation is technically entitled to fly—has been found in the heart of Colorado.

In it 4,000 people live as American citizens. They pay state and federal taxes, accept the justice of the United States courts, and have never thought of questioning the sovereignty of this country over them or their territory.

Yet the United States has not a vestige of right to the land, which lies mostly in Middle Park between the eastern and western mountain walls surrounding it.

Protected by these jagged peaks, the tract was passed over unclaimed by five nations—Spain, France, Mexico, the republic of Texas, and the United States.

The rights of the United States in the nearby territory were acquired, in two ways—the Louisiana Purchase and the annexation of Texas, but this tract was not included in either.

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Last April, William Madarash, owner of a grocery store in Waterville, N. Y., sent aloft, for advertising purposes, a large number of toy balloons. Recently Madarash received a letter from a resident of Edale, Derbyshire, England, in which the writer stated he had found, in Edale, a balloon bearing Madarash's name and address. The balloon, inflated with ordinary illuminating gas, had drifted 3,000 miles across the Atlantic, to merrie old England.

It is a laugh when one sees some theatrical performances advertised under the head of amusement.

To Our Friends:

The joyful season of the year is with us. It is the time at which we can give expression to the joy and happiness that our associations have brought us during the past year.

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Large Boston Bank And Others Closed

The Boston-Continental National Bank and four branches, of Boston, Mass., with deposits of \$7,000,000 and capital of \$1,000,000 was the largest of several banks which failed to open for business recently in widely separated cities. Others included the Commercial National Bank of Raleigh, N. C., deposits, \$4,286,942; First National Bank of Burlington, N. C., assets \$2,150,000; Hamden Bank and Trust Company, of Hamden, Conn., resources and liabilities, \$2,052,381, and the Proviso State Bank of Maywood, Ill., deposits, \$350,000.

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Manner He Carries Baby Betrays Man Working as Nurse

The awkward manner in which he carried a baby betrayed Walter Snooks, 22, after he dressed as a woman and got a position as a nurse in the household of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Aronovitz, in Miami, Fla. Mrs. Aronovitz called police when her suspicions became aroused, and Snooks confessed.

"I couldn't make a go of it as a man so I decided to play the part of a woman," the 22-year-old man said.

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Philadelphia Pays Off With Warrants

PHILADELPHIA—For the first time in its history, Philadelphia was compelled to pay its 26,000 city and county workers with individual warrants instead of cash.

With this month's current and delinquent tax receipts falling off and the total return "earmarked" for sinking fund obligations on capital borrowing due Dec. 31, fiscal authorities had no money for the \$1,625,000 payroll Tuesday.

Grenwich, England, police officials have announced that they will not grant permits for clubs to be open on Armistice night hereafter, because it is considered to be a time of reverence.

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40 Pupils Escape From School Fire

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. — Nearly 40 pupils were escorted to safety a few minutes before their Pleasant Valley schoolhouse was destroyed by fire. The blaze was discovered by their teacher and was believed to have started from a faulty chimney.

Florida Undertaker Joins Dog in Death

Grief arising from his parting with his pet dog led Clo. C. M. Bingham, aged undertaker, of Daytona Beach, Fla., to take his life.

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Norman Baker's Column

(Continued from page Two)

make money—the farmer is no poorer than the city fellow, as a rule, and both spend when they have it—therefore, just quit fooling with the Farm Board and the wasting of millions of dollars and let Congress put their O. K. on the single unit organization plan for the farmers, and advise all to immediately join the United Farm Federation of America, which will be affiliated with the United Farm Federation of the World, when organized—this would immediately stabilize prices without wasting one cent of the government's money—stabilize prices until you have the control of that which you produce—as the trusts control their line of manufacture, let the farmers form a Trust—the new Constitution of the United Farm Federation of America constitutes just about that, which could not be broken with all the powers of Wall Street.

CONGRESS—is echoing all walls—the oratorical ability of many members is blab-blahing about wet and dry—instead of shouting so much as to whether the country should be wet or dry they should change their whole system of law enforcement—take some of the guns away from those who are not capable of handling them, and get all of the crooks out of the prohibition department—then and not until then will this slaughter of American citizens stop—if they don't do it the first words of the handwriting appearing on the wall may be booze coming back—wet because they were too careless—prohibition will eventually go because the enforcers are too careless and the laws too slipshod—

IMPEACHMENT—of Andy Mellon is advocated by some powerful writers—that will gain momentum and with a little push he may be pushed out of his swivel chair on which he has been President of the United States while the last three Presidents stood by—some day there may be a cleaning up that will be worse than the Black Satchel of Mr. Fall and maybe some large refunds on income will come back into the public treasury—

THE POISONS OF ALUMINUM WARE—cooking utensils—will be known throughout the world—then according to the scientists—CANCER will start on the down fall.

FINE—the rich lose—you have heard so much about the labor-fellow and the farmer and the city folks suffering in this depression—they will have some satisfaction in knowing that over two billion dollars has been lost by American investors who bought up European and South American Government securities that were sold in the United States since 1914. There has been \$1,100,000,000 depreciation in South American dollar bonds which have dropped 80 per cent in value, and \$800,000,000 decline from par in the European government, and semi-government issues—that's something—and much of that money is lost by the public, in our cities, who purchased the bonds from banks, and the banks purchased it from the Wall Street group, who, in turn, purchased it from the foreign governments and made a tremendous amount of interest in doing so. Then the bank examined—the bank has too much cash on hand—advocates the buying of such bonds, which has caused thousands of banks to fail in America—after all the Postal Savings Bank does not invest that way. It's a safe place to put your money for the time being.

REDUCING SALARIES—there is hardly a newspaper but what carries the report of some corporation or industry reducing salaries and it seems that the government is catching on—one thing is true the government boys have an easier job than the industrial boys but the politicians will use their greatest strength to keep the government salaries up regardless of the fact that some may be over inflated—officials are entitled to a fair compensation for services rendered but there are some who sit in easy chairs that we should not pay our good taxpayers' money to.

FARMERS of Iowa are rapidly awakening to the power that they really have—a new farm organization is increasing in membership daily—the best thing ever written into a constitution is paragraph two and three of Article XIII as follows:

2—But one thing more is necessary: The organized power of our movement must be exerted to check the reckless lies of our enemies whereby they would destroy us.

3—To this end it is hereby written into the constitution of the United Farm Federation of America that all members are required to and are hereby pledged to cancel the subscription of any paper they subscribe for which at any time publishes false statements, or reports about this organization or viciously or falsely attacks it in any way. The members of this organization are hereby pledged to write to such publications and cancel their subscriptions to such publications and in such letters give the reasons for cancellation of subscription.

A few papers like Traer, Bellevue, Vincent, Wellman, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Davenport,

Ottumwa and Maquoketa will some day find the farmers so strongly organized that their subscriptions will start to drop by the thousands—then it will be the end, or at least hard figures, for those who are pounding the farmers and their organization work—every farmer that reads a publication which publishes only Wall Street propaganda and refuses to mention the good work that the farmers are doing, or which attempts to belittle their ethics, should read publications that are for them—in other words, play with your friends, and shun your enemies.

FARMERS ATTENTION—as this paper has been declared the official mouthpiece of the Farm Federation of America, and until such time as special writing will be done for special pages to be devoted to the work of the Federation—I believe you will be interested to know that E. B. Taylor, editor of the Traer Star Clipper, Traer, Iowa, has abused

Wisconsin Farmers Start War on Oleo

MADISON, Wis.—Farmers who paraded about the capitol demanding legislation against oleomargarine are enlisted under Joseph D. Beck, commissioner of agriculture, to drive the butter substitute out of the state.

They cheered Beck's pledge that "if you'll stand by the department of agriculture and markets, we'll drive oleo out of the state." Many of them signed up for the fight.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Your life isn't worth living unless you think it is.

Ed Hahn, director, and Mr. Leinbaugh of Lisbon, Iowa, secretary, and all members should take note of that fact—from Mr. Taylor's writings it does not appear that any United Farm Federation members in Tama County may expect the assistance from that sheet towards the proper organization of the farmer.

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"THE IMPEACHMENT OF ANDREW W. MELLON"

(By Morris Bealle, Washington, D. C.)

A fact article everyone should read—an eye opener

A few hardy souls in the Senate and fewer in the House have made futile attempts in past Congresses to have something done about a Secretary of the Treasurer who, appointed and holding his job illegally, has been handing out billions of dollars to huge corporations in so-called tax refunds, while resorting to every shabby trick possible to keep Congress from paying a few hundred dollars apiece to the soldiers in adjusted compensation.

In 1919 a Republican committee of the House investigated war profiteering and submitted a report, which neither political party was very anxious to have published, showing that several of the Mellon companies were guilty of outright theft, bribery and war profiteering.

The Republicans, of course, did not want this report printed because of the sordid picture of our nearest approach to a billionaire, the head and controlling factor of corporations which the Graham committee said were guilty of moral, if not technical, treason to the United States in time of war.

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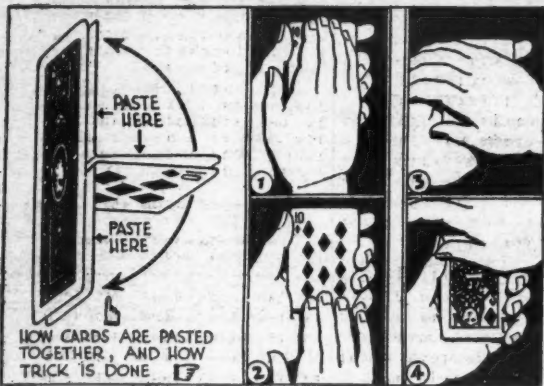
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Three cards are used in preparing for this trick. Two of the cards are folded in half, and one-half of each is pasted on the face of the third card, which remains straight. The cards are pasted so the creases meet in the center of the third card, and this leaves the other two halves standing upright with backs to each other. These are then pasted together, and you will find that by blending them in either direction you will be able to change one card into the other. When you are ready to present the trick, hold the cards in your left hand with the upright part flat, so that it appears to be one card. Then pass your right hand over it, in the manner shown in the above drawing, and release the fingers of your left hand which holds the cards flat. As the hand passes over the cards it draws the bent part down or up, according to which way it is moved, and at the same time covers the movement of the card, so that when the hand is withdrawn the card will have changed into another. It is necessary to stand away from your audience so that the creases in the cards do not show.

TELLING THE TIME WITH A QUARTER, A STRING AND A GLASS



Tie a string around a quarter and hold the quarter suspended over and slightly inside a glass. Grasp the string between the index finger and the thumb, and place it directly over the pulse of the thumb. Hold your hand perfectly rigid, and the quarter will begin to swing to and fro like a pendulum. The arc made by the swinging quarter will slowly increase in width until the quarter strikes the side of the glass, and it will strike the number of times closest to the hour of the day. If the time should be twenty minutes past one, the quarter will strike the glass once, and should the time be quarter of two, the quarter will strike twice. It is necessary to hold the string over the pulse of the thumb, as this is the motivating force controlling the movements of the quarter.

New Revolutionary Type Of Automobile Tire Announced

General Company Claims
Auto Wheels Will
Be Eliminated

AKRON, O.—A revolutionary type of automobile tire—the first passenger car tire to be designed with a triangular instead of a round cross-section—has been announced by the General Tire and Rubber Company.

With almost straight, streamlined side-walls, this tire will carry two and one-half times the volume of air contained in the ordinary balloon tire for the same sized car, and will operate at about one-third of the air pressure required for ordinary balloons, the announcement says.

Built like a pyramid, with its apex at the tread and the broad base attached directly to the enlarged hub, it is claimed for the new tire that it will actually eliminate automobile wheels. Perfection of this tire follows two and a half years of experimental research and development work.

Tests over many thousands of miles on all kinds of road surfaces have demonstrated that the new tire has the following advantages over ordinary balloon tires with round cross-sections, according to Charles J. Jahant, vice president of General Tire: That it gives to

the lowest priced cars an ease of riding that has not been built into the highest priced cars; reduced air resistance and thus increased power for the car; greater safety than afforded by ordinary balloon tires; greater stability, easier steering and more smoothness when brakes are applied.

The new tire is in production in the General factory in this city.

MILIONS GO UP IN SMOKE YEARLY

American manufacturers are turning out cigarettes at the rate of 125,000,000 a year—or at the rate of about 14,092 a second throughout the year, with no time off for Sundays or holidays.

If one man set out to smoke a year's output of American cigarettes and smoked six an hour, day and night, it would take him well more than 2,000,000 years to accomplish the job.

The average cigarette is two and three-quarter inches long, so if placed end to end one year's production of the smokes would form a line 5,425,000 miles long. Such a line could encircle the equator of the earth 217 times and would reach to the moon and

back 11 times, with 16,000 miles to spare. A year's output of cigarettes weighs 156,250 tons.

Experts calculate that it would require 156,250 one-ton trucks to hold a year's output of cigarettes or that 3,125 freight cars would be needed to transport the products all at one time.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Baby Suffocated By Bed Clothing

Suffocated by bed clothing in its crib, a 2 months old boy, Theodore Bremenschneider of Milwaukee died. The child was given artificial respiration by a fire department rescue squad but could not be revived.

Child, 2, Falls Into Hot Water and Dies

Shelbyville—Carolyn Alice, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Devening of near Shelbyville, died of burns suffered when she fell into a bucket of scalding water.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS



YOU HAVE HEARD the witnesses for the political, financial and religious systems of the world. Have they justified themselves or their systems before you? Have the politicians and financiers brought peace and prosperity as they promised? Have the preachers, all of whom have allied themselves with Big Business and the politicians, told the truth, when they prophesied that the World War and the League of Nations would bring happiness and the brotherhood of man? Present world conditions conclusively prove that the religious, political and financial rulers have been and are all wrong.

THE CHALLENGE has been flung to the world: "Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the peoples be assembled; who among them can declare this, and show us (things in advance)? Let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified; or let them hear (what God's Word says), and say, It is truth." Isa. 43:9

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General Features and Hints for Women

Welcome Extended Home Gowns; Worn At Winter Dinners

Home gowns for winter dinners are promised a most successful season this year of economy, for home entertainment will undoubtedly be paramount.

They are essentially informal dinner gowns which look smart enough for a home affair and yet may be used for a gadabout affair if necessary.

Louise Boulanger is showing a very handsome though relatively simple home gown in brick-red bagheera, one of the outstanding fabrics of the season with a new type of bead embroidery, tiny tubular beads of orange, red, black and white forming a discreet decoration about the neck and sleeves as well as the top of the flounce.

A Worth "home gown" comes in green bagheera with little shoulder-cap sleeves falling open and the skirt falling into a train at the back. Big green buttons hang from the rounded decollete in the back.

A black pile velvet frock for princess lines with full godets home consumption comes out on flaring the skirt near the knees and a square yoke made of lovely real Venetian lace. The flared hem is stiffened by old-fashioned velvet cording.

Brucere puts a big berth round the shoulders of a white home gown and buttons it at the neck. The belt is of black patent leather stitched with white and the skirt has a side hip-yoke and a pleated panel between.

Mignotte silk of a lovely Nile green shade is responsible for another unusual home dinner gown, showing a quaintly shaped bodice, fitted hips, and a godet skirt falling to the ground.

Doubly useful and very economical is a pajama suit with trousers and coat of black moire, with skirt of red and gold tissue. A moire with the hem lined in red like the blouse. The skirt can easily be slipped on if one goes out after dinner.

Yuletide Observed Twice In Unalaska

SEATTLE, Wash.—Unalaska, in the Far North, may now be substituted for fairyland in children's tales. For Unalaska has two Christmases.

According to Mrs. A. J. Armstrong, who helps her husband conduct the mission maintained by the Methodist Episcopal Church at Unalaska, native children observe both of them.

"Under the Russian calendar in vogue at Unalaska, Christmas is observed January 7 and New Years six days later," Mrs. Armstrong explained.

"However, the native boys and girls also observe December 25 as Christmas day, so Santa Claus pays them a double visit."

Goose Takes Place Of Lamb, For Mary

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—"Mary had a little lamb"—of course, almost every child knows that, but the familiar rhyme must be changed. At least at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archer McDonald.

Because Mary Frances, their two-year-old daughter, has a goose whose feathers are as white as snow, and then too, everywhere that Mary goes, that fowl is sure to go.

The goose seems to sense that it owes its life to Mary. It all happened last Thanksgiving day. The goose was bought for the purpose of being the main item on the McDonald menu. The child became attached to the goose and the family decided that it would spare the ax and the goose would be Mary's pet.

And since that day, the goose, whose name is Pete, flops his wings and screeches if the child and her father do not take him on their afternoon walks. If Mary stops to talk to some of her little playmates, Pete stops too and stands close by.

Aged Dancer Eats And Drinks Wheat

SAN DIEGO, Cal.—Eating and drinking wheat is the formula used by C. G. Sweet, 77-year-old dancing master, to keep healthy and fit for a long life. Sweet buys wheat at feed stores for 2½¢ a pound, and prepares it at home by parching and grinding to be used for cereal and bread as well as for a coffee substitute.

DARE :: :: INTERPRETS the MODE



I just happened to realize all of a sudden that I haven't said a thing about hats for o-o-o-h a couple of days. And when we get such exciting information from Paris as the letter I received this morning, it would be a selfish thing not to pass it on to you right away.

Feathers, which were supposed to have gone out of fashion completely, are back again, bigger and better than ever. Not ostrich feathers, I admit, but grebe, marabout and the bronzy, dark green feathers that I've never heard called by any particular name here in America, but which, in Paris, are called "lophophore." And gay parakeet wings and quills give gay dashes of color to black or dark brown or navy hats.

In materials, felts still lead—not that you'd recognize them! For they have been traced in some way to have a satiny sheen that's just like antelope. Velvet hats are still about the most dressed-up kind a lovely lady can buy, but for variety she may buy a dressy hat made entirely of heavy satin ribbon, or of woven strips of plain felt and metallic lame (lah-may). Gaby Mono shows a hat in this combination of material—of pale grey felt with strips of silver lame (lah-may) in a sort of basket-weave effect.

A very gay and dashing type of trimming that is being seen on the latest hats from Rose Valois, is the cord-and-tassel. This trimming is on a cap-shaped beret of felt, which looks like a Serbian officer's cap. The cord crosses the cap from front to back where it terminates in two loose ends finished with the tassels.

How would you like a dinner dress that turns into a tea gown at a moment's notice, or vice versa? Well-l-l-l, that's just what happens to the dark violet lace over mauve satin dress I illustrate today. With the jacket on, it's a gracious tea gown, but take it off and presto; a lovely sleeveless dinner frock!

So when you're buying material for YOUR dinner frock, why not splurge for a yard or so more and acquire a tea gown at the same time?

Spirit Of America Expressed By Jazz

PARIS—The Americans are the only people who understand jazz music, according to Countess Jean de Segonzac, recently returned from the other side. This rhythm, she adds, will remain in the United States where it is best interpreted. It represents America's national spirit.

The Countess is a song-writer herself, known for "In My Love Boat," "Why When" and a recent number called "In My Arms." She gets most of her tunes when driving her car.

"The world is coming back to the waltz," says Countess de Segonzac, "just as sure as the women are to the gowns of past ages. The tendency is decidedly toward sentimental soft tunes which are a far cry from breezy black bottoms and blues."

And here's hoping that you will at least be proud of your family Christmas tree!

'N' if you had a few pennies left, could you resist the cut steel and velvet necklace sketched above?

Hurray for making Christmas Tree ornaments your own self! Yes, out of nothing more complicated nor expensive than empty egg-shells, either . . . the ones you have been saving all this time. 'Course you can buy tree ornaments for five and ten cents, but they are nowhere near like the ones you can make for the same price . . . and even so, enough five and ten cent ones to decorate a bi-l-i-l-i-g tree runs into money. . . . And the fun! Just have the neighbors in one night and have a Tree-ornament-making Party, and see! Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Dare Department of the Mid-West Free Press for this week's illustrated leaflet, and find out about making your own and VERY original Christmas Tree ornaments!

Editor: Insert here paragraph about Fashion Letter. Au revoir!

Romance Wanted By Modern Maid Most

CHICAGO—Romance, beauty, cigarettes, leisure, and possibly culture, but not too much—these are the chief demands of the modern woman, according to Anna Steese Richardson of New York. She told members of the advertising council of the Association of Commerce that romance comes first. Women prefer romance first hand, but will take it second hand, if they cannot get it otherwise, she said. The first is responsible for most marriages and divorces. The second is what causes 20,000,000 to attend the movies in America every week. They see romance on the screen, and romantic men, and come home more than ever dissatisfied with their prosaic, everyday husbands.

A Paris doctor engaged in rat research has succeeded in breeding a super-cat, which is larger and fiercer than the ordinary "puss," and can kill more rats in a given time.

OUR READERS' COOKING

HOLIDAY MENUS Christmas Dinner Menu Containing Meat

Pineapple cottage cheese salad with mayonnaise
Celery consommé
Celery stalks, Cranberries, Ripe Olives
Roast Turkey
with spinach dressing
Whole wheat bread with butter
Steamed celery Steamed Spinach
Jello with whipped cream

RECIPES FOR ABOVE MENU

Spinach Dressing
One cup of finely chopped spinach, one cup of whole wheat bread crumbs, one-half a cup of diced celery, one cup of wild rice (previously cooked very soft), and one-half a cup of finely minced ripe olives. Moisten thoroughly with plain vegex broth and stuff fowl.

Special

If you should desire to have chicken, duck, or any one of the other choices of poultry, it may be used in place of the specified one, and the vegetables may be changed about as desired, but always making certain, however, never to use potatoes or carrots or any one of the starchy vegetables similar to that mentioned, with this dinner.

Christmas Dinner Menu Containing Meat Substitutes

Cottage cheese salad with mayonnaise
Cream of spinach soup
Celery stalks Ripe Olives
Mock veal roast
Stuffed artichoke hearts
Cranberries Stuffed tomatoes
Prune whip
with whipped cream

RECIPES FOR ABOVE MENU

Mayonnaise dressing
Raw egg yolks well beaten. Then add the salad oil in tablespoon full quantities at a time, beating between intervals, and then add chopped olives and lemon juice, sufficient to flavor, in place of vinegar, etc.

Mock Veal Roast

Three hard boiled eggs, one teaspoonful of vegex, one-half of a cup of pecans, one quarter of a cup of almonds, three eggs, two cups of unpolished rice, cooked well, one quarter of a cup of walnuts, two cups of dried whole wheat bread crumbs. Put the bread crumbs in a sauce pan, and

cover with water. Roll for five minutes. Remove from the fire and add the nuts which you have ground in a meat grinder, the unpolished rice, the hard boiled eggs chopped fine, and the vegex dissolved in a little hot water. Stir mixture well and add the three raw eggs. Shape this into a loaf. Brush with butter and bake in a moderate oven for one hour. Serve hot with spinach or any one non-starchy vegetable.

Cream of spinach soup
Use milk as the creaming substance.

Here you have two ideal types of Christmas dinner menus which contain meat in reasonable quantities with plenty of roughage in the form of raw and cooked vegetables, and the second containing a meatless dinner, but substituting the meats with the meat substitutes in the form of eggs, cottage cheese, etc. Both of these menus can be used in any home to the advantage of bettering one's health, and with the feeling that through their use, better health is awaiting one. Along with holiday menus it is always best to use certain rules covering the meal itself, which are as follows: (1) Chew all food well. (2) Never use anything ice cold or very hot. (3) Take plenty of time to eat. (4) Do not use beverages at meal time, but if you use them, drink sparingly. (5) Do not eat between meals. (6) Always arise from the table hungry. (7) Take a short walk after a heavy dinner, as this materially helps digest your food. (8) Nothing promotes better digestion more than the use of a good, humorous, story or a clean joke. Indulge freely in laughter.—Health Culture.

100 Years Old Yet She'd Like To Fly

ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y.—On her 100th birthday Mrs. Tonry of Brooklyn expressed a desire to take an airplane ride over New York. Lieutenant G. Ray Cullman, hearing about it, invited her to make the trip. Illness, however, overcame her before she could accept the offer. In her letter to the young lieutenant, she wrote: "Isn't it lovely to know that at 100 years of age I am still able to encourage a dashing young man to invite me out for a ride."

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Stock Marketeering

FROM PLAIN TALK MAGAZINE
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Lulled into a sense of false security by optimistic statements and other insidious propaganda, 15,000,000 investors in America today are in a desperate plight. They have been disillusioned and are becoming skeptical of the leadership in this country. Everyone who is familiar with Wall Street methods knows that the whole game is to sell the public securities at high prices and buy them back at low prices, taking advantage of their greater knowledge of business and cyclical swings to attain their objective.

Through market letters, tipster sheets of all kinds, glowing articles in the financial pages of newspapers and financial publications, they create a market whereby the insiders and the sponsors are enabled to unload their wares on a gullible public. In the grand and glorious (for some) bull market of 1921-1929, known from 1925 on as the Coolidge Bull Market, the market climbed to ridiculous heights. In its final stages this market was spurred on by the then President's statement that brokers' loans were not excessive. During that memorable period the insiders dumped their securities, knowing full well that a stock market crash was inevitable.

They knew all the signs—the raising of the rediscount rate by Federal Reserve Banks, the realization that industrial progress had reached its height for the time being, low yields on stocks, the spectacular rising of call money rates, the rosy statements of financial houses and so-called market advisers, etc.

Then, when the public no longer had buying power, came the deluge. Everybody tried to get out at once, and the greatest bear market in history was under way.

It has been ever thus, and the little investor or speculator who has been victimized runs the day when he listened to the rosy statements put out by the "powers that be." Unless new "lamb" spring up to take their places the market will be difficult to boom again for some time to come.

The millions of small investors, now holding stocks at inflated prices, are bound to fear the fire, and will be slow to be enticed in the stock market maelstrom to be sheared again.

These radical and sudden changes in market values are bad for the country as a whole, and the current depression can be attributed in part to the inordinate and unreasonably high prices which stocks were manipulated.

The wheels of industry have been stopped, unemployment widespread, the confidence of the country has been shaken, millions of people have been affected adversely through the painful necessity of putting their feet back again on solid ground.

If the public will only learn from its bitter lesson of the past—make the propagandaists prove their statements in the future, and before investing their money take enough time to study the technical indications rather than the broadcasted fundamentals and opinions, they will have profited by this depression. They should now be on guard against selling out to the insiders at the bottom on calamity statements.

Despite the hardships that investors are now enduring, their feeling of resentment against the government for its official sugary statements and others, their interest in financial matters has not been dimmed.

Everywhere one goes, whether it is in the barber shop, on the golf course, at the bridge table or on the favorite corner of Main Street, the stock market is still the leading topic of discussion. The arguments are not so vociferous during this depressive era as they used to be during the late lamented bull market, but the interest is there just the same.

The question soon arises, how to beat the game and what method is the best? One of the favorite subjects of debate is whether the investor or speculator should follow fundamentals or technical action. It is an extremely controversial subject, but I will attempt, in this article, to give the layman considerable food for thought.

Market history seems to favor the technical side of the picture. Exhaustive studies of the various methods of market operations, and years of actual market experience seemed to prove rather convincingly, in my opinion, that commitments, based on a study of technical market action contain less risk and is the most profitable method of engaging in the great American pastime, for the outsider.

The Analyst supports these conclusions, stating in the issue of Friday, January 9, 1931, "Various investment research organizations are reported to have spent large sums investigating particular industries and companies, and yet anything bought in 1929 showed a considerable loss at some time in 1930."

There is surely little to be gained by elaborate investigation of a particular security if the whole market is pointed downward. It is evidently much better to know when and particularly when not to buy than it is to know what to buy.

The latest convert to these policies is Mr. Thomas B. Macaulay, president of the Sun Life of Canada, the largest buyer of common stocks in the world. Heretofore he has held the view that common stocks should never be sold, but in his latest report he significantly says: "Though our

investments have been subjected to a test of unparalleled severity, and have emerged triumphant, the experiences of the past eighteen months have been useful in other respects. We have learned that even for permanent investors there may occasionally be a time to sell as well as a time to buy."

In this connection it is interesting to note the results of a recent analysis made by the Insurance Shares Corporation of New York. They found that the average life of a high grade common stock is between five and ten years. Mr. Twombly, president of this corporation stated:

"Out of 20 common stocks which were highgrade investment issues in 1900, 16, or 80 per cent, had so deteriorated by 1925 that they could not meet the original requirements by which they were selected. Selections were made on the basis of earnings and dividend records, rate of growth, investment, standing, market, activity and future prospects."

Common stocks selected between 1900 and 1925, disclosed that the deterioration was progressive. The old portfolios suffered far more than the new, and the deterioration showed a direct proportion to the age. Even in a group of 20 stocks selected in 1925, there were four issues which certainly would not be selected at the present time.

Changing economic conditions were entirely responsible.

They could not be foreseen, but a substitution would have produced gains instead of losses.

Some of the changes which dethroned prime investments were:

The opening of the Panama Canal injured several western railroads.
Post-war convulsions in hard and cotton crippled American Cotton Oil.
The aftermath of the sugar boom broke the dividend record of American Sugar.

The automobile and the declining potency of the nickel robbed Manhattan Elevated and many other tractions of their prosperity.

Changing styles, invention of substitutes and a frenzied cattle market contributed to the decline of Central Leather.

The migration of the New England cotton industry to gain the cheap labor and power of the South ruined mills with almost a century of stable earnings behind them.

The radio and high-priced housing ruined the piano business.

A change of public taste from cigars to cigarettes seriously affected several tobacco stocks.

The first portfolio, chosen in 1900, would be a financial curiosity now. It contained no oils, no chemicals, no electric equipments, no chain stores and no motors. Then railroads comprised one-half.

The portfolio in 1925 contained representatives of all the industries named above, but reflects sharply the effects of government regulation on railroads, for it includes but three of them."

The Magazine of Wall Street, in a recent editorial, illustrated the dangers of buying stocks and putting them away to gather dust in the safe deposit box. There are many elements of risk to the investor who follows this policy, such as dividend reductions or omissions, the placing of other issues prior to and impairing one's equity, an uncertain earnings trend, the method of computing depreciation or obsolescence, the question of reserves, etc. It can be seen easily that it is folly not to keep abreast of developments that may have a bearing on one's investment holdings.

Most investors are easy prey to these volatile economic forces, as they are apt to neglect their investments for long periods of time due to pressure of other interests. Even after the investor realizes all this he is faced with the problem of how to keep his principal intact and what method to follow to give him the best results.

General basic factors, such as interest rates, commodity prices, bond yields, production, consumption of goods, rate of growth, foreign trade, etc., and in the case of individual companies, earning power, management, type of and position in industry, extent of market, etc., should not be disregarded entirely, but the main difficulty is that such information has a tendency to be received too late to be of much value as far as making money in stocks is concerned. This applies particularly to dividend changes and fluctuations in earning power.

Much to the investor's confusion a stock quite frequently will decline steadily, apparently without cause. When the news is out, the price movement is perfectly clear, but he can't extricate himself.

Statistics, while valuable at times, can be doctored so as to show misleading information, and are subject to human errors in compilation. Official statements too can be colored to suit the case, as investors have long since learned to their sorrow. So-called inside information has proved many times to be useless, and it is not to be considered unless the technical action of the security confirms the statements made.

Corporations issuing stock to employees or extending stock privileges to stockholders, while acting in good faith have frequently failed to take into consideration market conditions. Although their own business may be promising and the outlook good, yet a declining stock market if

long sustained is bound to ultimately have an adverse effect, not only on the price of their own stock but their own sales as well. Consequently the holders of their stock bear the burden for their lack of foresight.

Such factors as political influences, unexpected happenings, legal proceedings and settlements of all kinds, patent uncertainties, death of officials, internal dissension, etc., the fundamentalist cannot reckon with or anticipate, but the shrewd investor, knowing market technique, such as "stops" etc., can provide for almost any contingency.

For these reasons the market's technical position, as well as the action of the individual issue seems to be far more important than the study of known fundamentals. After all what an investor in common stocks really is interested in is whether he can sell his securities at a profit or a loss—all other theories can be discarded.

The function of the stock market is to discount in advance an expected event. If that theory is correct then how can the investor or speculator profit when he learns the reason—that is, the fundamentals back of it? Of course, every market has its moods, its trendless vacillating periods, when it is being swayed by conflicting forces within and without, when neither technical action or fundamentals are clear, but in the end the internal condition of the market itself will give a hint, first, as to its probable course.

Possibly the reader can follow this line of reasoning in a more tangible way by reviewing market history. During the last bull market 1921-1929 so-called basic influences began to indicate securities should be sold during 1924 and again in 1927. Advisors depending upon statistics and fundamentals, noticing that most business indices reached top in 1926 together with rising money rates, advised the sale of common stocks.

They overlooked, however, the strong technical action of the market which still indicated great strength, and that stocks should be held. Another strong upsurge shortly occurred in 1927 and all of 1928, due to enormous public participation and the ability and inclination of the less conservative elements to absorb tremendous liquidation from far seeing sources.

It was not until the early part of December, 1928, that a distinct technical bearish signal was given—that the long bull market was coming to an end—showing that the time was rapidly approaching when stocks would become a sale on all rallies. However, considering the base from which the bull market started, and the breadth and extent of the advance, the market, despite this technical warning at that time had not made final top in all groups. In other words, although major distribution was in progress it would still take considerable time to complete it.

One thoroughly versed in market movements would have recognized the technical indications that certain groups lacked follow-through on the rallies, and that one after another of the individual stocks gradually lost rallying power. The remaining strong groups during this period such as utilities, electrical equipment, chemicals, and certain specialties were manipulated upward, and under the strength of this violent markup, the weaker groups were distributed.

Technical action plainly showed that all stocks, whether held for investment or speculation, should have been disposed of not later than October 18, 1929. Business indices had turned down in June, 1929, and they may have helped the investor decide without these technical indications that he should sell his stocks, but the point I wish to bring out strongly is that the majority of stocks reached their highest prices in December, 1928, and the business indices did not start to decline until the Summer of 1929.

This was conclusive that the market was beginning to discount a setback in business and that technical indications, not known fundamentals, gave the warning to be on the look-out for a drastic decline. From the type and method of distribution during the early part of 1929, it was evident that those forces distributing stocks realized that a majority and not a minority decline in business was in store for this country.

In attempting to base commitments on technical market factors, all elements bearing on possible future trends should be considered, such as, the effect of news—good or bad—whether or not discounted—volume of sales—rotation of group movements—early and late movers—extent of professional or public participation—breadth of market—type of leadership—seasonal influences—borrowing demand—ownership—stage of manipulation—depth of reactions—time element—public psychology, etc.

These factors should be analyzed separately, weighed and eliminated in order of importance at the time, before a definite position is taken. Only the shrewd market technician who has a very broad market experience can be successful, but the average investor's and speculator's chances might be enhanced if they would think along these lines before plunging blindly into the market.

It can be readily seen that luck plays little part in successful investing. A profitable trade based upon chance or a tip with no real knowledge on the investor's part is usually followed sooner or later by a losing trade in which all previous pro-

fits are wiped out and part of his original equity lost.

The greatest factor in stock trading is to buy and sell at the right time, and this is the reason why technical considerations should be given first importance. This applies not only to the short term speculator but to the long pull holder as well. By closely following the technical action of your security—and this does not mean hourly or daily but at reasonable intervals—losses can be limited and profits protected by knowing the price at which a security would show strength or weakness.

Holding securities, like so many investors did during 1928 and 1929 after a major downward trend had started, is financial suicide. It does not pay the investor to buy, whether outright or on margin, when the price structure of the general market is topheavy after an extended advance, or to sell out after stocks again have reached a long pull buying zone. The technical action and position of a security in the cycle is of great importance.

Many speculators have the idea that all they have to do to make money in the stock market is to buy some stock in a bull market and take a free ride or sell something short in a bear market and profit in this manner. That all sounds very well, but the first question to determine is whether or not the market is in a bull or bear trend, or in a neutral position. After that is determined the question becomes one of selection.

Again the average investor is usually wrong because he is apt to select a stock going contrary to the general trend. According to the Dow-Jones Industrial Averages (limited to 30 leading stocks) the market was in a strong bull trend from August, 1921, until September, 1929, when it started declining in a broad way subject, of course, to intermediate periods of recovery.

The question now arises how soon will that bear trend be permanently reversed, and from what level? A vital factor to remember is that not all industries go into depression simultaneously or emerge into a prosperity cycle at the same time.

Out of 25 different groups of stocks, 24 reached their peak prices before the above averages attained its "high" in September, 1929. In other words, the market as a whole was actually in a bear trend practically all of 1929. Surprising, isn't it? But true, nevertheless.

Creeping upon the "new era" enthusiastic like a boa constrictor encircles its prey, crushing his pocketbook, this gradual change of trend so bewildered the investor that he was finally enmeshed in a long drawn-out bear market with little chance of escaping. All because he held on and hoped rather than scrutinizing his stocks with a critical eye, accepting the prosperous surface indications complacently, never considering that the time had arrived to "Stop, Look, and Listen."

Further analysis shows that various groups had been declining for periods ranging from a few months to several years prior to September, 1929, top. The following table records the average price peaks for important groups.

Aircraft	May, 1929
Apparel	Nov., 1928
Automobiles	Mar., 1929
Auto accessories	May, 1929
Auto trucks	Jan., 1929
Auto tires and rubber	Mar., 1929
Chain stores	Nov., 1928
Coal (anthracite)	Jan., 1929
Copper and brass	Mar., 1929
Department stores	Oct., 1928
Drugs and medicines	Nov., 1928
Fertilizers	Jan., 1929
Lead and zinc	Jan., 1929
Leather	May, 1928
Mail order houses	Nov., 1928
Meat packing	Sept., 1928
Rayon	May, 1928
Shoe	April, 1929
Silk and silk goods	Nov., 1928
Sugar	Sept., 1927
Textiles	Nov., 1928
Tobacco	Nov., 1927
Traction (utility)	May, 1928
Utilities	Sept., 1929
Woolen	Jan., 1928

Investors frequently make the error of buying a stock because of its past record, its apparent fundamental soundness. Past records or past fundamentals mean little. Take for example, California Packing which had a long dividend record and stable earning power has suddenly collapsed in 1930 and 1931. Earnings which formerly averaged around \$4.00 a share dropped to 9 cents a share, and the dividend, which if I recall correctly had been paid for 14 years, uninterruptedly was reduced from \$4.00 to \$2.00.

Just because a stock is a leader during a previous market is no reason it will prove a good purchase for another bull campaign. For example, American Can, American & Foreign Power, and Simmons Company which were all fast climbing stocks in 1929, followed widely divergent trends during the spring rise of 1930.

American Can had a gradual advance, American & Foreign Power moved crosswise, while Simmons failed to participate in this move and dropped steadily to the end of the year. Yet all these stocks were then held in high regard, and it was technical action alone, not known fundamentals at that time that gave the clue of their (Simmons and American & Foreign Power) ultimate drastic decline.

The mortality of common stocks is

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FARMERS ONLYL. A. Loos, Pres.
Hedrick, Ia.**NOTICE!**

This is our first appearance in our official organ, and we wish to extend the use of these columns to anyone wishing to ask questions about the United Farm Federation of America, or we will send free literature by mail if you will address us. Letters meant for these columns, can be addressed to the U. F. F. A. Editor, care Midwest Free Press, Muscatine, Iowa. Other mail can be addressed care box 1413, Des Moines, Iowa.

We wish you a happy Christmas from our whole membership and trust our first columns will interest you, promising that it will become larger in pages, and better from week to week, but we like you to have thoughts this week of Santa.

FARMER ENTHUSIASTIC

The good news is rapidly being broadcast through the entire country. Mr. John G. Habbart of Prairie du Chien writes:

U. F. F. A. Brothers:
Enclosed please find my check for \$10 to cover my dues for a full year in the United Farm Federation of America.

Perhaps I should first ask for the membership blank, but I am so anxious to get into this organization, and to prove it, I have enclosed the fee, which is well worth it.

I want to do my very best in getting members to join this long looked for, worthwhile cause.

Kindly send me the Membership Blanks and "Preamble Booklets."

Respectfully,

John G. Habbart

Brother Habbart, thanks much—your spirit is unconquerable. The booklets and membership card will be sent to you. We are a little behind in correspondence but you will receive them in a few days. Get more of your brothers up there, and we will come up and organize your state as we have Iowa. Be sure and come to the Des Moines meet—a hot time in sight.

HE WANTS TO KNOW

Our good friend Virgil Anthony writes:

Am writing to learn whether retired farmers are eligible to join the United Farm Federation of America and whether only

Farm Products Used As Christmas Gifts

MADISON — Wisconsin farm products which may be used as Christmas gifts are included in a special list drawn up by the department of agriculture and markets. Among these are cheese products, Wisconsin peas, maple syrup, turkeys and Watertown stuffed goose.

farmers may become members.

Should dues of ten dollars be paid now, for how long a time would one be paid up?

Shall also appreciate receiving by-laws and constitution of the new farm organization.

Yours truly,
Virgil Anthony,

Paton, Iowa

Thanks Mr. Anthony for your good letter—retired farmers who still have their heart and soul in the farm business, who have not "sold out" to the capitalistic groups, whose farm perhaps may be in the hands of relatives or otherwise, and who really will fight for brother farmers are eligible for membership.

No one but farmers can join this federation and we will appreciate your check for \$10, will investigate you and if not eligible for membership your \$10 will be returned.

Ten dollars pays you up for a full year and right now at the start we would like to have as many pay for the full year because we are having expenses to meet, and all officers are helping all they can for the next six months. If you want an organization in your county, secure a few members, and we will call a big meeting for you and put it over the top.

WE WONDER

Just what will the politicians and others say now when they know we will soon be powerful enough with hundreds of thousands of members to stand on our own hind legs and shout without their having to make more false promises to we farmers—Isn't it a blessing that at last one organization has been organized that will give us independence, pride and take us out of the "beggar" class. That's what the city folks say of us—beggars—because we have always been yelling for someone to give us some special legislation or for some commission to spend millions for us and not a cent of value did we ever get from any of it—we didn't, DID YOU?

LOOS IS AGAINST O'NEAL PROGRAM

United Farm Federation Head Says Single Unit Plan Best

L. A. Loos of Hedrick, Iowa, president of the United Farm Federation of America, announced today that the U. F. F. A. was not in accord with plan presented by Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau for farm relief. He said, "The American farmer, whether a cotton, tobacco, grain or stock raiser, is mighty tired of hearing leaders proclaim the wonderful things they are going to do. They are more interested in knowing what they have done."

Continuing he said: "Barnum may have been right part of the time, but his well known phrase about one being born every minute, does not apply to farmers in general. It is true they have pledged their efforts with many farm organizations whose leaders have made all kinds of promises in the past 15 years and now they are asking for someone to explain to them where they have gained a single thing by their 15 years of organization."

"They have awakened to the fact that with several organizations working in different directions, never pulling together, that what is needed is ONE ORGAN-

Hand Crowding Us For Special Tama County Meet Soon

E. S. Hand of Tama county is one of our hustlers. He is crowding us for a special meeting in his county saying that the boys are "rainin' to go." We will be with you soon, Mr. Hand, just be a little patient. The good Lord only gave us two feet and we have them almost worn off already. We'll be there. Get the guns all set for a "rainin' old meeting for those rainin' to join."

IZATION that does all the pulling. They now have that and members are coming in fast because they have at last realized that past efforts have been fruitless."

He stated the plan of action now is to make the farmer strictly self supporting, ask no odds of the government, run his business on a business plan, as much of a TRUST as capitalists now have and to regulate the prices of farm products by operating their own grain and product exchanges where they will regulate the prices as easy as one regulates the flow of water from the hose by the nozzle at the end.

He prophesied that if the farmers will unite in this plan, it will only be about two years when their united strength will be felt throughout the country and the U. F. F. A. will become affiliated with the United Farm Federation of the World when formed. Imports of foreign produce will be regulated by tariffs as the capital-

LEINBAUGH SAYS EVERYTHING ROSY

Our Secretary Is Making Plans For Meet In Near Future

L. A. Leinbaugh, secretary, of Lisbon, Iowa, reports everything looking rosy in his county and that a big meeting is being scheduled for soon.

He says: "All farmers are enthusiastic that I have talked to, and are requesting that this county be organized at once."

He had a meeting called for Olin, but delays in printing matter caused the date to be set later.

The secretary asks all farmers of all organizations or the unorganized ones to put their shoulders to the wheel and help turn it.

He also reports many new members joining and some already have paid their dues in full from the state of Wisconsin.

He is preparing everything for the important meeting in Des Moines, Jan. 4, and invites all farmers of Iowa or adjoining states to be present.

He also asks farmers who wish to have a unit started in their county to correspond with him at once. His address is L. A. Leinbaugh, Lisbon, Iowa.

He is a mighty busy fellow these days, and if your letter is delayed in answering a few days, don't get impatient.

Selling spectacles worth 10 cents to blind people for \$10 with the claim that they will restore sight, is the scheme of a swindler who is being sought by the police of Scotland.

ists now regulate the tariff on goods they want to keep out.

He stated that loans we hear so much about, will not be needed when the farmer gets the right price for his products and if any do need it, the products, fully insured will be used to borrow from county depositories which the government will establish in every county thus doing away with the farm board.

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Health Talk No. 2 "HUMAN CABLES AND FLEXIBILITY"

In spite of man's advancement in the fields of engineering and mechanics, we have yet to see anything that anywhere nearly equals the human body for flexibility and yet having the tonicity to retain its contour under the most trying conditions. If it were not for the continual repair work being done by the cells and the blood stream, we humans would be a sorry looking crowd.

Think of the unseen energy that keeps us poor mortals going day after day under all sorts of conditions and most of us in all stages of sickness. An automobile would have a hard time running with some of its gears missing but the human body can function with both legs gone, no teeth, pieces of the intestines cut out; with the colon changed around, with a kidney gone, and many other conditions which are unbelievable unless seen first hand.

The human body can pick up the tiniest infant so carefully that no harm can come to it. It can also pick up a barrel of flour with the same muscles. It would be hard to find a machine that could do both. It would be difficult to find a mechanical device, containing the amount of tubes that the human body does, that could be put through the movements of a professional contortionist without bursting some of the pipes. What machine is there which can lift two or three times its own weight, and yet, be able to move itself as silently and as quickly as the human body?

It is claimed that it would require more than 200 separate machines to perform all of the various activities as performed by the human body. The newly born child is practically all flexibility, including the bones, and even these remain more or less flexible for years as complete ossification is not accomplished until maturity. We know how easily the infant's skull may be deformed by instruments at time of childbirth. Most of us have heard of native tribes who bind the heads of their growing children so that the head assumes curious shapes. The Chinese for centuries bound the feet to make them small and if the body did not have the extreme flexibility that it does have some of these people would be terribly bent; and if the body did not have a high degree of adaptability, many of these people could not live at all.

The adaptability of the human body includes some very interesting features. Automatically, the body can adjust itself to the hot temperature of the desert or the freezing temperatures of the Arctic regions. The body lubricates itself, builds new cells for the different tissues of the body, extracts nutritive elements from a large and varied number of food-stuffs, and eliminates the waste from food and the metabolism of the body. The internal organs such as the liver, kidneys, spleen, pancreas, etc., produce, renew, change over, and render harmless, many different substances and elements which go to make up the many physiological activities of the body.

The muscles of the body offer a fine example of the degree of flexibility attained by the body. Each muscle is made of tiny fibers, each of which has the ability to contract or extend within a reasonable distance. These muscle fibers do this voluntarily or involuntarily in accordance with nerve impulses which are sent over the nerves from the central nervous system, and also from local nerve centers, or other little brains located in various parts of the body.

Let us take a look at one of the most remarkable parts of the body—the spine. Composed of hard bony sections, and yet flexible enough to permit innumerable positions, the spine is truly a masterpiece. Between these bony sections is a tough, elastic, cartilaginous disk or cushion, permitting great flexibility and also acting as little shock absorbers to soften the shocks from jars and falls so they will not reach the brain with too much force. These little disks are spongy and when the spine is bent the little cushions are compressed and expanded to fit the joints, preventing leakage of the spinal fluids

and yet allowing unlimited movement.

The nerves, arteries and blood vessels all have this ability of contracting and expanding.

Age reduces the flexibility of them and a large percentage of this immobility or lessened flexibility, is due to compound lime deposits in the joints, and also in the arteries (called hardening of the arteries).

Regardless of what position the body may be in, the flexibility of the various tissues allows the body to function without danger to itself.

WHAT IS TEA; A DRINK OR DRUG?

By Dr. W. E. Dixon

Will it come as a surprise to most tea drinkers to know that they are really drug addicts? In the cup that refreshes there lurks insidious peril. Let Dr. W. E. Dixon, of the British Medical Association, reveal the truth. This is what he says: One of the causes which lead to neurosis, the outcome of the stress of modern conditions, is the regular consumption of caffeine, the commonest though it might be the least harmful of drug additions, in tea and coffee the chief caffeine beverages.

One cup of tea usually contains more than a grain of caffeine, so that the average tea-drinker consumes five to eight grains of caffeine daily. The continual use of caffeine produces mental irritability, dizziness, digestive troubles and physical depression. These effects can be produced by six to seven grains of caffeine daily. As coffee contains slightly more caffeine than tea, so the consumer is even more liable to its evil consequences.

Addiction to drugs assumed such world-wide dimensions that the problems connected with it require investigation. These problems were affected by the development of modern civilization. The advance of science has limited the need for manual labor and substituted indoor life for the outdoor life.

Under the influence of alcohol the burdens, anxieties and worries of modern indoor mental life may be forgotten. The desire for alcohol and tobacco should be regarded, at least partially, as a natural craving of those who take little physical exercise to obtain artificial ease.

The increase in the tobacco habit in the last thirty years is not unassociated with the stress of modern life. The weed acts as a mild sedative to the central nervous system. Tobacco, then, may be helpful to all whose sensory threshold is abnormal.

Increased nervous sensibility appears in its victims to be a product of civilization and wealth, indoor life, luxury, lack of exercise and perhaps excessive indulgence in the satisfaction of desire and of inordinate drinking of tea.

Such persons are possessed of quick perception and acute sensibility, but are so responsive to external impressions that the common affairs of life tend to become a burden.—This means that the drug habit is not a disease, but rather a sign of pre-existing mental disturbance, but becomes a disease.—Editor. N. Z. Health Journal.

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Smaller Meals Only Really Efficient Means To Reduce

From Health Culture
The only really efficient ways of reducing are starvation and worry.

Starvation lessens weight because food serves the body as fuel. Body heat is maintained by the burning of food in the body. Fat is stored up fuel which accumulates when one eats more food fuel than he burns. When one eats less than he needs, he burns some of his stored-up fuel or fat and thus reduces his weight. When a person fasts he loses weight at the rate of about a pound a day, more or less, according to his size.

Worry and loss of sleep increase the rate of the body fire, and so causes more rapid fuel consumption. Harried cattle do not fatten.

Exercise reduces weight rapidly because of the loss of water.

Babe Ruth lost eight pounds in an afternoon playing baseball. A

football player, reported by Dr. F. G. Benedict, lost fourteen pounds in one hour of vigorous play.

But these enormous losses consist almost wholly of water. Dr. Benedict estimated that the actual fat lost by the football player was not more than one-third of a pound, and no doubt the fourteen pounds of weight lost were regained practically in full by water drinking within a day or two.

Control of the appetite is thus the one reliable remedy for obesity. Fats, sugars, especially candies, ice cream and pastries, must be cut out of the diet. Cereals must be used sparingly and also potatoes. Green, fresh vegetables and fruits must make the bulk of the bill of fare, with a limited allowance of other foodstuffs to make the regimen tolerable. Salt should be used in the smallest amount possible. It should never be added to the food at table.

How The Princess Took Diphtheria

From Health Culture

Referring to Princess Helen, of Rumania, and her coming down with diphtheria, the news dispatches say naively, "It was not certain whether this resulted from genuine infection or whether it might have developed from the anti-diphtheria injections administered to prevent her being infected." That is rich, to say the least.

When they come back with what's that got to do with Santa Claus?

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"Oldest Gob" in Navy Enlists Again at 72

Even though he is 72 years old, Isaac O. Castle, chief boatswain's mate, attached to the U. S. S. Rigel, at San Diego, Cal., was recently allowed to re-enlist after examination by navy doctors, much his junior, who told him that his blood pressure is better than their own. Chief Boatswain's Mate Castle has been wearing the blue uniform 58 years, and is believed to be the oldest man in the United States Navy. He first enlisted in 1873, when as he expresses it there were "wooden ships and iron men."

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Postal Savings Banks To Rescue Of Sleeping Money

Representative E. Celler And N. Baker Give Same Advice

Over in Illinois a carpenter hid \$600 in his shirt sleeve, and forgot it before he sent shirt to Chinese laundry. When he went there for it the Chinaman said "Me no savvy." One woman in Missouri won't believe in the Bible anymore because she hid \$40 in it and robbers stole it. She thought it safe in the good book.

All of these and many more cases are referred to in Representative Celler's address, and he states that all of this hoarded money has been re-loaned to 4,175 banks, of which 2,818 are state banks and 1,357 national banks, all of which must place with the government sufficient bonds as security to safeguard the government so it all returns to the banks, and they in turn are requested to secure the government but they are not requested to secure the ordinary depositor therefor the Postal Savings bank is the safest place, and the present Congress should enlarge the scope of the Postal Savings bank and permit checks to be issued.

Many have censured Norman Baker for his articles advocating public deposits into the Postal Savings Bank for protection against bank failures. This article justifies his advice, and shows how it helps the banks by bringing out "hoarded money".

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, December 9, 1931

"Mr. CELLER. Mr. Speaker, the total volume of money in circulation in the United States the middle of October, 1931, was \$5,494,000,000. This was \$974,000,000 larger than a year earlier, which means that over \$1,000,000,000 of currency had been "sleeping," i. e., had been hoarded and lying idle. Mistrust of our bankers had kept this money out of banks and put it into mattresses, tin boxes, trunks, privies, barns, stores, and socks.

"Thus, roughly speaking, one-fifth of all our outstanding currency becomes sterile and unproductive. Our hoarded "sleeping" dollars mean \$10 each in credit made unavailable to business. Ten billion dollars of credit is thus lost to trade.

"Happily, in this crisis, our Postal Savings System has been of great help. It has rescued and awakened much of this sleeping money. The timid mistrust of our banks but have confidence in Uncle Sam as the president, chairman, board, cashier, and Poo-h-Bah of that great thrift agency, the Postal Savings System.

"During October, 1931, postal savings deposits increased about \$66,000,000. By the middle of November, 1931, the Post Office Department had approximately 800,000 depositors in its Postal Savings System, and about \$75,000,000 in deposits, a new high. In June, 1930, the deposits were but \$175,000,000 and the number of depositors 466,000.

"After these deposits are received by the Postal Savings System they are redeposited in local qualified banks, and in many cases in the very banks from which they were withdrawn, or which were avoided, because of lack of confidence.

"Thus over half a billion dollars of this hoarded money is again put into circulation, and in this way the Postal Savings System brings to light for the uses of trade and industry vast sums of money otherwise secreted and lost."

Curious stories come from all over the country about people unloading their hoarded money and buying Postal savings bank certificates.

An eastern man dumped a sack of \$5,800 in cash, and bills for an account. When told the largest certificate was \$2,500 he said "No got wife, put in all or none." They told him to take balance to a bank, he said "No, no bank, never." He is still carrying it awaiting Uncle Sam to take it all. Another throwing down a sack of bills so foul smelling the clerk complained about handling it.

From the far West comes the story of a man with \$1,000 in silver dollars and halves. He said he had been keeping it under the mattress. A large city postmaster says a man opened an account for \$1,000 in ten and twenty dollar bills, taking them from his sock. He was a ship carpenter. They were wet, old and oily.

VALUE CROPS AT \$4,122,850,000

WASHINGTON—The department of agriculture announced that the total farm value of all crops this year is \$4,122,850,000. This compared with a total farm value of \$5,818,820,000 for the crops of 1930 and \$8,088,494,000 for the 1929 crops.

The farm values for the principal crops this year and last were listed as follows:

Crop	1930	1931
Corn	\$1,349,218,000	\$920,142,000
Winter wheat	381,491,000	341,458,000
All wheat	518,857,000	398,600,000
Oats	402,713,000	256,483,000
Barley	188,359,000	70,199,000
Rye	17,419,000	12,975,000
Flaxseed	29,680,000	13,243,000
Soy beans	23,996,000	11,929,000
Peanuts	38,226,000	29,189,000
Beans, dry	53,719,000	31,199,000
Potatoes	296,506,000	161,264,000
Sweet potatoes	48,233,000	36,132,000
Tobacco	211,102,000	196,097,000
Cotton	659,455,000	485,611,000
Cottonseed	133,671,000	78,581,000
Hops	3,482,000	3,564,000
Apples, total	146,065,000	122,091,000
Peaches, total	43,825,000	41,377,000
Pears, total	18,158,000	13,567,000
Grapes, total	44,040,000	36,061,000
Oranges, 7 states	89,658,000	82,517,000
Grapefruit, 4 states	33,078,000	18,951,000
Lemons (Calif.)	19,857,000	19,200,000
Sugar beets	65,697,000	46,958,000

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

MAN DIES AFTER WARNING FRIEND

SIOUX CITY—Warning his companion on top of a North Western freight train he might be jolted off, Harry Wallace, 28, of Storm Lake, a moment later fell off and was crushed to death near Salix.

When asked about them he said he worked on an oil ship and deposited his money in every port.

A southern postmaster reports a man 64 years of age, who runs a grocery. He came with a shoe box filled with \$5,000 in odd size currency and it was mouldy making him believe it had been buried. The same postmaster tells of a Chinaman who brought more than \$2,500 and when told only \$2,500 could be accepted he said "That all right, I bring another name."

A man named Less—is less \$575 because he hid it in the stove and started a fire. Another man put \$232 in a sock. Not a foot was in the sock but it walked away, sock and money, and he never found the thief.

A plumber yelled "Ouch! Wow." He had stepped too close to his blow torch, clothes caught fire, burned \$200 in one and \$100 in another of his hip pockets where he carried his life savings.

A southern lady put \$75 in a coffee pot, pot and money gone, still looking for roomer. A north-west farmer brought his in tobacco cans that he had buried out on the prairie.

Another woman had sewed \$20,000 in her corset for safe keeping. A bond salesman dealing with a farmer had to transport the farmer four miles to a fence in a field, where the farmer crawled under, guided himself from post to post and brought forth a bag of cash. He lived in South Dakota. From Florida comes news of an old man driving aged mules. The police picked him up for driving animals in their condition. Judge ordered them stopped, and that the poor old man be helped. The police introduced five one hundred dollar bills, and then the judge ordered that the money be placed in the Postal Savings Bank for him.

A lady excited rushed to the White House when the wing of that building burned and asked if the fire had destroyed the record of her account.

A "mammy" in Alabama went to the postoffice and said "Mistus, I wants you all to put up dis change for me. Postmaster thought she had eggs, she uncovered a basket of coins. A clairvoyant or spiritualist in Washington took \$1,000 in five dollar bills she had hid in dirt in flower pots that adorned her front room windows and said the spirits told her the Postal Savings Bank was the strongest and safest. That's one time the spirits answered correct.

MARKETEERING WITH STOCKS

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alarming and the great companies whose stocks were the leaders of previous bull markets are the "cats and dogs" of the present. A few years ago American Woolen, American Hide and Leather, Kelly-Springfield, Middle States Oil, Stutz Motors, U. S. Rubber, etc., were the active leaders, but where are they now? Who knows what the future has in store for the popular issues of today?

Getting back to fundamentals, it seems utterly impossible for the investor or speculator to base his market commitments solely on them if he wants to get the most profit out of his transaction, because they do not cover the many intangible elements that have such an important bearing on price movements.


If fundamentals are to be relied upon entirely, why is it that the market generally reaches its top and starts downward when business is at its worst? Simply because it is trying, although sometimes illogically, to look into the future and discount it, not that it always fulfills its function, but in an economic sense it can be truly said as the stock market goes, so goes American business, as it is the financial "Heart beat of the Nation."

Granting to the fundamentalist advocate his contention that there is little difference between fundamentals and technical market action in basic principles, it is in their application that favors the technical side. In other words, the "Time Element" is the all important factor.

Over a period of years the very broad movements might be attributed to basic influences, but prices can melt away very rapidly sometimes without any apparent changes in fundamental conditions. The minor swings of six weeks to three or four months are started from technical conditions entirely and rise and fall thereafter in attempting to discount ahead.

Again as usual when the facts become known the investor, following them without taking into consideration whether or not they have been discounted, loses, at least temporarily. For example, the early spring rise which started around December 16, 1930, when the business indices were at their low point, rallied to February 24th and then turned down, yet business indices still were moving upward.

Take the more recent move starting from June 3rd, with the Dow-Jones Industrial averages at 119 3/4 which rose to nearly 158, a gain of 28 points, was entirely technical, not being based on any tangible improvements in business but to increased optimism, resulting from the President's Moratorium proposals. Nevertheless, those who bought early made handsome profits . . . if they sold. Summarizing the two schools of thought both with the same objective, the investor depending on fundamentals as his guide never can find out all the facts surrounding the security he wishes to buy, but the trained investor follows.



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Interstate Commerce Body Gets After Chain Station

Sta-Shine Products Co. Files Complaint Against N. B. C.

Recently in our columns we published an account of a suit brought by the Sta-Shine Products Company against the National Broadcasting Company.

This is the first case of its kind on record, and may be the undoing of some of the high-handedness practiced by chain stations which have gained almost a complete monopoly of the air.

An explanation of how the National Broadcasting Company conducts its business and the manner of operation was given by M. H. Aylesworth, its president, in testimony before Examiner M. W. Chesaldine, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, at a hearing on a complaint of the Sta-Shine Company, Inc., against the broadcasting organization and Station WGBB of Freeport.

It was contended that the company engaged in the transmission of intelligence for hire by wireless and also by wire, and is subject to the Commission's regulation.

Mr. Aylesworth stated that the company's activities could not be classed with a common carrier, and engaged in no business subject to provisions of the Interstate Commerce Act.

Counsel for the Sta-Shine Products Company, contended that the rates of the broadcasting company, should be subject to regulation and should be subject to regulation and endeavored to show that there were point-to-point connections which through transmission into other States brought these activities into interstate commerce.

The hearing was for purposes of deciding the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Examiner Chesaldine advised attorneys for each side they could submit briefs within the

lowering technical action will do much better in letting the "Stock tell its own story."

Last, but not least, neither type will succeed for very long without hard work and much patience. Whatever his qualifications are he must thoroughly appreciate the fact that to anticipate stock market movements is a difficult art at best, and the pitfalls are many.

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next 30 days, and he would subsequently draw up his report for the Commission.

Others testifying were Harry H. Carmen, operating Station WGBB, and Arthur Bacheller, supervisor of radio in the New York City District for the Federal Government.

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Mrs. Mary Thatcher has received a letter from Argyle, Tex., with a \$2 bill and a letter saying the sender, as a boy of 14, had stolen the quarter from her store and was making restitution.

"I felt like a criminal when I walked from the store," the writer explained, "for I knew better."

LEGAL NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE

An ordinance designating and establishing a restricted residence district and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

Whereas, the General Assembly of the State of Iowa has authorized Special Charter Cities, upon petition of sixty (60) per cent of the owners of real estate in a given district residing in said City, to establish restricted residence districts; and,

Whereas, on the 1st day of October A. D., 1931, a petition with the required number of signatures was duly filed with the City Recorder and presented to the City Council asking that certain territory, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the West line of Cherry Street 140 feet North of the North line of Fourth Street, thence Westerly parallel with and 140 feet North of the North line of Fourth Street and Lucas Street, to a point 140 feet North of the North line of Lucas Street, and on the West line of Busch Street, extended; thence South along the West line of Busch Street extended and the West line of Busch Street to a point 140 feet South of the South line of Lucas Street; thence Easterly parallel with and 140 feet South of the South line of Lucas Street and Fourth Street to a point on the West line of Cherry Street, said point being 140 feet South of the South line of Fourth Street; thence North along the West line of Cherry Street to the place of beginning. Excepting Lots 4, 5, 6 and A of Block No. 1, Wichers Addition.

The intent being to make a restricted residence district of all property lying within 140 feet of either side of Fourth Street and Lucas Street between the West line of Cherry Street and the West line of Busch Street, excepting the above said Lots 4, 5, 6 and A of Block No. 1, Wichers Addition to the City of Muscatine, Iowa, which lots are now used for business purposes, be established as a restricted residence district.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Muscatine, Iowa:

Section One. That, beginning at a point on the West line of Cherry Street 140 feet North of the North line of Fourth Street, thence Westerly parallel with and 140 feet North of the North line of Fourth Street and Lucas Street, to a point 140 feet North of the North line of Lucas Street, and on the West line of Busch Street extended; thence South along the West line of Busch Street extended and the West line of Busch Street to a point 140 feet South of the South line of Lucas Street; thence Easterly parallel with and 140 feet South of the South line of Lucas Street and Fourth Street to a point on the West line of Cherry Street, said point being 140 feet South of the South line of Fourth Street; thence North along the West line of Cherry Street to the place of beginning, excepting Lots 4, 5, 6 and A of Block No. 1, Wichers Addition.

The intent being to make a restricted residence district of all property lying within 140 feet of either side of Fourth Street and Lucas Street between the West line of Cherry Street and the West line of Busch Street, excepting the above said Lots 4, 5, 6 and A of Block No. 1, Wichers Addition to the City of Muscatine, Iowa, which lots are now used for business purposes, be and the same is hereby designated and established as a restricted residence district.

Section Two. That no building or other structure, except residences, schoolhouses, churches, and other similar structures, shall thereafter be erected, altered, or repaired or occupied without first securing from the City Council a permit therefor, nor shall any such permit be granted when sixty (60) per cent of the owners

of the real estate in said district residing in said City object thereto.

Section Three. Any building or structure erected, altered, repaired, occupied or used in violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance is hereby declared a nuisance and it is hereby made the duty of the City Attorney to prosecute all persons violating the provisions of this ordinance with respect to the erection, reconstruction, altering, repairing or occupying of any building or other structure in said district without a permit, and in all cases where punishment by fine shall fail to abate the nuisance, he shall cause to be brought in the District Court of Muscatine County, Iowa, an action for the abatement thereof. All such prosecutions shall be in the name of the City of Muscatine, Iowa.

Section Four. Any person, firm, or corporation, violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon the conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine not less than one (\$1.00) dollar nor more than one hundred (\$100.00) Dollars or thirty (30) days in the County Jail for each offense.

Section Five. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section Six. Any part of this ordinance which may, for any reason, hold to be invalid, shall not in any manner effect the validity of other parts thereof.

Passed, approved and adopted this 17th day of December A. D., 1931.

A. E. Othmer
Mayor, Pro. Tem.
Attest: F. D. McKinney,
City Recorder.

AN ORDINANCE

An ordinance designating and establishing a restricted residence district and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

Whereas, the General Assembly of the State of Iowa has authorized Special Charter Cities, upon petition of sixty per cent (60%) of the owners of real estate in a given district residing in said City, to establish restricted residence districts; and,

Whereas, on the 6th day of November, 1931, a petition with the required number of signers was duly filed with the City Recorder and presented to the City Council, asking that certain territory, to-wit:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 in Block 15, Smalley's Addition to South Muscatine in the City of Muscatine, Iowa, be established as a restricted residence district.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Muscatine, Iowa:

Section I. That, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 in Block 15, Smalley's Addition to South Muscatine in the City of Muscatine, Iowa, be and the same is hereby designated and established as a restricted residence district.

Section II. That no building or other structure, except residences, schoolhouses, churches, and other similar structures, shall thereafter be erected, altered, or repaired or occupied without first securing from the City Council a permit therefor; nor shall any such permit be granted when sixty per cent (60%) of the owners of the real estate in said district residing in said city object thereto.

Section III. Any building or structure, erected, altered, repaired, occupied or used in violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance is hereby declared a nuisance, and it is hereby made the duty of the City Attorney to prosecute all persons violating the provisions of this ordinance with respect to the erection, reconstruction, altering, repairing or occupying of any building or other structure in said district without a permit, and in all cases where punishment by fine shall fail to abate the nuisance, he shall cause to be brought in the District Court of Muscatine

County, Iowa, an action for the abatement thereof. All such prosecutions shall be in the name of the City of Muscatine, Iowa.

Section IV. Any person, firm or corporation, violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon the conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine not less than One Dollar (\$1.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or Thirty Days (30) in the County Jail for each offense.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Any part of this ordinance which may, for any reason, hold to be invalid shall not in any manner effect the validity of other parts hereof.

Passed, approved and adopted this 17th day of December, A. D., 1931.

A. E. Othmer,
Mayor, Pro. Tem.
Attest: F. D. McKinney,
City Recorder.

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Repealing Section know as Rule 31 of Chapter LXXXVIII, Rules and Order of Business of the City Council of the City of Muscatine, Revised Ordinances of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, 1918, and Enacting in lieu thereof an Ordinance Providing for Standing Committees and including their Appointment.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA:

Section One. That the section known as Rule 31 of Chapter LXXXVIII, Rules and Order of Business of the City Council of the City of Muscatine, Revised Ordinances of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, 1918, is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof.

Section Two. All Standing Committees of the City Council shall be appointed by the Mayor annually, on entering upon the duties of his office, and the first person named shall be the chairman thereof.

The following shall be the Standing Committees:

1. On Finance.
2. On Streets and Alleys.
3. On Public Lights.
4. On Sewers.
5. On Paving.
6. On Ordinances.
7. On Buildings and Grounds.
8. On Cemeteries.
9. On Sidewalks.

Section Three. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Passed, approved and adopted this 17th day of December, A. D., 1931.

A. E. Othmer,
Mayor, Pro. Tem.
Attest: F. D. McKinney,
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Sweetheart



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Marion (Kiki) Roberts, chorus girl and love of Jack (Legs) Diamond, who was with the latter just before he was slain.

Slain



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Jack (Legs) Diamond, New York gangster, who was slain in bed in Albany, N. Y., after being acquitted of kidnapping charge. The underworld settled its own score with the widely publicized beer and alcohol racketeer.

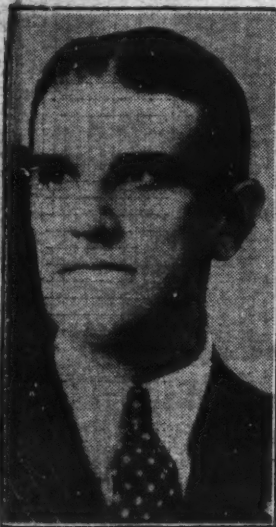
Gangland Foes Finally Kill New York Hoodlum Chief



(Acme Photo)

Thrice in the past four years gangsters shot down Jack (Legs) Diamond, New York hoodlum chief, and each time he recovered, but the fourth time they did a thorough job. They seized him early Friday morning in his room in an Albany, N. Y., rooming house, killed him instantly, and fled. Diamond had just returned from celebrating his acquittal the day before on a kidnapping charge. Police are removing Diamond's body from his rooming house in Albany, N. Y.

Trial Starts



(Acme Photo)

DR. CARL PIERRE ANDRE
Previously pictured by the state as the "other woman in the case," Mrs. Claire Scott, divorcee, testified she was nothing more than a casual friend of Dr. Carl Pierre Andre, West Virginia dentist, who is on trial in Reno, Nev., for murdering Mrs. Martha Hutchinson.

Mrs. Hutchinson, who followed Dr. Andre to Reno from Fairmont, W. Va., was fatally injured while motoring with Dr. Andre the evening of Sept. 12. The dentist is charged with throwing her from the machine, but contends the fall was accidental.

Awarded \$153,333



(Acme Photo)

Charles B. Gray, an inventor of Millbourne, Pa., who was awarded \$153,333 damages against the Eastman Kodak company of New York for patent infringement. Gray claims that he invented a "push button" mechanism for the release of camera shutters as a substitute for bulb pressure, and that the company used his ideas. This award under the anti-trust laws may be tripled at the discretion of the court.

Guilty



(Acme Photo)

Unionism in the Kentucky coal fields received a severe setback Thursday when a jury in the W. B. Jones murder and conspiracy trial in which the struggles of the union men in Mount Sterling, Harlan county, Ky., are involved, returned a verdict of guilty. Jones, who is secretary of the Evans local of the United Mine Workers of America and has been an active force in organizing that field, was given a life sentence in the penitentiary.

Japanese Fowl With Nine Foot Tail



Miss Harriet Roth displaying Tosa, a Japanese fowl, on exhibit at the Poultry show in session in the Coliseum, Chicago. The fowl has a nine foot tail. The fowl is exhibited by N. J. Lyle of Plainfield, N. J.

Shown Mercy



(Acme Photo)

Mrs. Julia Maude Lowther, self-confessed killer of Mrs. Clara Smith of Ashtabula, O., who was given life sentence at Wooster, O., Wednesday when a jury that found her guilty of murder recommended mercy.

Gets Life



(Acme Photo)

Herbert Franklin Nicolls, 12-year-old Asotin, Wash., youth, recently sentenced to life imprisonment for murder. Nicolls was sentenced for killing Sheriff John L. Wernell, who surprised him during a store burglary.

Heavy Snow Hits City in New Mexico, Thousands Marooned



A scene in Gallup, N. M., which is the center of the territory swept by the worst blizzard that has hit the southwest since 1896. Thousands of pinion pickers and hospital workers are marooned in the Indian country and face death by freezing and starvation.